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School district defends test scores

Nationwide analysis flags Christian County

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Administrators at Christian County Public Schools repudiated a nationwide analysis conducted by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that found “suspicious” fluctuations in the district’s reading and mathematics test results.

Out of 14,000 districts tested, 196 were

flagged by the AJC report released Sunday.

Of the 196 districts, three — Jefferson, Pike and Christian — are in Kentucky. Counties were flagged for showing unusual spikes or drops in test scores from 2008 to 2011.

On Wednesday, Superintendent Brady Link, Assistant Superintendent Rim Watson, Lacy Elementary Principal Chris

Bentzel, District Assessment Coordinator Amy Ramage and Enrichment Specialist Leann Pickerill met with the New Era to express their concerns about the AJC’s report.

Methodology

In its initial story, the AJC was quick to point out that the analysis does not prove any districts were cheating. The AJC’s report only “reveals that test scores in hundreds of cities followed a pattern that, in

Atlanta, indicated cheating in multiple schools.”

In 2008, after a similar investigation, the AJC uncovered a massive cheating scheme employed by many schools in Atlanta. Starting in September, the AJC began asking for reading and math testing data from 69,000 schools across 14,000 districts for third- through eighth-graders. From there, reporters and statisticians grouped students into “classes.” A grouping

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Spine specialist opening Hopkinsville office

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

A spine doctor who specializes in a developing surgery method — replacing faulty spinal discs rather than fusing them — plans to open a satellite office on South Virginia Street next week.

Dr. David McCord, who has a full-time practice in Nashville, Tenn., grew up in Hopkinsville at a house near Country Club Lane and Fort Campbell Boulevard. His father, Dr. Gerald McCord, was a family doctor here for 37 years.

David McCord said he promised his father he’d practice medicine in Hopkinsville after medical school. He later chose Nashville instead because his specialties required him to work in a larger market.

But taking on a partner in his Nashville office will let him treat some patients in Hopkinsville, he said.

Rather than a full-time, five-days-a-week operation, McCord will schedule his office hours here based on demand, he said. He hopes to open the office one day each week.

In general, McCord said, spine surgeries deliver notoriously mixed results. Complications of spine surgeries can cause severe long-term damage.

“Everybody knows somebody who’s had back surgery and is now worse off,” he said.

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Dr. David McCord performing spinal surgery. McCord plans to open a satellite office in Hopkinsville.

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Health care case draws supporters, protesters



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Susan Clark, of Santa Monica, Calif., who opposes health care reform, stands in front of the Supreme Court in Washington on Wednesday with a red hand painted over her mouth to represent what she said is socialism taking away her choices and rights.

Court appears split over health care

BY MARK SHERMAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Concluding three days of fervent public disagreement, a Supreme Court seemingly split over ideology will now wrestle in private about whether to strike down key parts or even all of President Barack Obama’s historic health care law. The

justices’ decision, due this June, will affect the way virtually every American receives and pays for care.

The court wrapped up public arguments Wednesday on the overhaul, which is designed to extend health insurance to most of the 50 million Americans now without it. The first and biggest issue the justices must decide is whether the centerpiece of the

law, the requirement that nearly all Americans carry insurance or pay a penalty, is constitutional.

Wednesday’s argument was unusual in that it assumed a negative answer to that central question. What should happen to other provisions, the justices and lawyers debated, if the court strikes down the requirement? If

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Old-fashioned political rally coming to Crofton

Organizers have invited Romney, local candidates

BY DENNIS O’NEIL
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Growing up in southern Georgia, Frank Brown still remembers an American bicentennial celebration he attended in 1976. He recalls the

event nostalgically, remembering the massive crowd it drew.

“I remember how the whole town came out,” Brown said. “Everyone wore hats and dressed up, and it was a really, really big event. (I remember) how involved in politics everyone was.”

Brown, now 46, is president of the Kelly Commu-

nity Organization. During recent community meetings in Kelly and Crofton, citizens have spoken out about feeling neglected by local politicians, Brown said.

“They would like to see politicians pay a little more attention to north Christian County,” Brown said. “Someone had the idea of having a political rally.”

The aim of the rally is to give politicians and citizens a chance to come together. In conceiving it, Brown thought about aspects of the bicentennial celebration and other political events he attended as a boy, the political buttons, the skimmer hats, the way attendees

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WHO WE ARE: Nathanael Ozburn, 13, Cadiz

Though oftentimes you can find Nathanael Ozburn on stage at the Alhambra Theatre, he said he prefers the visual arts to the performing arts.

“I like drawing,” Nathanael said. “It’s one of the few things where there are no rules. It can be whatever you want it to be and no one can tell you it’s wrong.”

Nathanael said he enjoys drawing fantasy things the best.

“It’s so different and it can really be whatever you want it to be and it’s easier to me,” he said.

“With portraits and stuff you have to study anatomy but fantasy can be anything.”

Nathanael said he looks up to artists such as Mark Crilly



who is a manga artist — manga being the Japanese word for cartoons or comics.

“They are these giant comic books that are really cool and I’ve always wanted to do something like that,” he said.

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AbiLab	NY	2.04	3.3	18	61.33	+34	+9.1	
AlcateLLuc	NY	2.42	-01	+55.1	
Alcoa	NY	12	1.2	14	10.06	-16	+16.3	
Allstate	NY	88	2.7	22	33.02	-06	+20.5	
Altria	NY	1.64	5.4	19	30.61	-05	+3.2	
AmExp	NY	80	1.4	14	58.22	-44	+23.4	
AmIntlGrp	NY	3	29.67	+61	+27.9
Analyal	NY	2.37	14.6	33	16.24	-06	+1.8	
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	1.7	18	614.48	+7.50	+51.7	
ArenaPhm	Nasd	3.26	+25	+74.3
AutoZone	NY	19	379.58	+58	+16.8
BB&T Cp	NY	80	2.6	17	31.08	-34	+23.5	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.3	6	44.90	-1.33	+5.1	
BkofAm	NY	04	4	...	9.60	-3.33	+72.7	
Barclay	NY	39	2.4	...	15.98	-26	+45.4	
BarIPVix	NY	17.20	+1.53	-51.6
BriMySq	NY	1.36	4.0	16	33.67	+08	-4.5	
CampSp	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.05	+05	-1.6	
Cisco	Nasd	32	1.5	16	20.91	+17	+6.0	
Citigrp rs	NY	04	1	10	36.78	-65	+39.8	
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.8	19	71.87	-03	+2.7	
CSVSzVxS NY	6.97	+1.09	-78.2
Dell Inc	Nasd	9	16.66	-04	+13.9
Disney	NY	60	1.4	17	44.15	-23	+17.7	
DuPont	NY	1.64	3.1	14	53.32	-07	+16.5	
ExxonMbl	NY	1.88	2.2	10	86.62	-41	+2.2	
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JohnsnCll	NY	.72	2.2	14	32.53	-25	+4.1		
Kohls	NY	1.28	2.6	11	49.13	+65	-4		
Kroger	NY	.46	1.9	26	24.29	+08	+3		
McDnlds	NY	2.80	2.9	18	97.34	+37	-3.0		
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MicroT	Nasd	8.58	+33	+36.3	
Microsoft	Nasd	.80	2.5	12	32.52	-07	+25.3		
MorgStam	NY	20	1.0	19	20.72	-45	+36.9		
NokiaCp	NY	1.26	23.5	5.37	+03	+11.4	
Oracle	Nasd	.84	8	15	29.35	+19	+14.4		
Penney	NY	.80	2.2	23	36.68	+69	+4.4		
PepsiCo	NY	2.06	3.1	16	66.01	+23	-5		
Pfizer	NY	.88	3.9	18	22.50	+34	+4.0		
PhilipMor	NY	3.08	3.5	18	67.52	+14	+11.5		
PwShs QQQ Nasd	.49	7	68.21	+10	-22.2	
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LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

BOBBY DILL

Bobby Dill, 71, Pea Ridge community, died Tuesday afternoon, March 27, 2012, at Hearthstone Place Nursing Home of natural causes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Rose Chapel inside Todd County Funeral Home with the Rev. Eddie Fowler officiating.

Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Todd County, he was born Jan. 4, 1941, the son of the late Hiram Mack and Patie Wilkins Dill.

He was a retired brick-layer.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Love Dill; three daughters, Connie Mimms, Pea Ridge community, Deborah Anderson, Elkton, and Marvienne Biggs, Greenville; two brothers, Earl Ray (Darlene) Dill, Bowling Green, and David (Helen) Dill, Elkton; two sisters, Mary Irene McGhee, Morristown, Tenn., and Anita Coursey, Hermitage, Tenn.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CHARLES FREEMAN

Charles Freeman, 80, Cadiz, died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center following a long illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cadiz Church of Christ with Randall Evans officiating.

Burial will be in Freeman Cemetery, Trigg County.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Funeral Home.

A native of Trigg County, he was born July 3, 1931, the son of the late Samuel Thomas and Ora Pearl Armstrong Freeman.

He retired as the owner and operator of Freeman Electric & Plumbing. He was also a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Cadiz Church of Christ, where he served as an elder and treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Freeman; two daughters, Debra Long, Whites Creek, Tenn., and Cathy Freeman, Joelton, Tenn.; two brothers, Douglas and Ewing Freeman, both of Cadiz; a sister, Geneva Wilson, Cadiz; and one grandchild.

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“T.C.” PUTTY

Teresa Lynn “T.C.” Putty, 46, Hopkinsville, died at 5:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of a heart attack.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lamb Funeral Home with the Rev. Danny Belcher officiating.

Burial will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Hopkinsville, she was born Sept. 7, 1965, the daughter of Claria Joiner Gillette, Hopkinsville, and the late Kenneth Ponder.

She was a restaurant manager and waitress at The Place: A Local Eatery. She formerly worked at Jay's on Main, Shimtomi and Bartholomew's.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, survivors include her husband, Benji Putty; her stepfather, Bill Gillette, Hopkinsville; a son, Anthony Putty, Hopkinsville; a sister, Tracy Cowan, Hopkinsville; and a grandchild.

WALTER VINSON

Walter George Vinson, 82, Cadiz, died at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Bacon officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at Gamble Funeral Home.

A native of Trigg County, he was born April 3, 1929, the son of the late Elliott and Grace Taylor Vinson.

He worked in civil service at Fort Campbell for more than 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Battise Vinson; five sons, Robert (Theresa), Curley and Jerome Howse, all of Nashville, Tenn., Walter (Glenda) Vinson Jr., Atlanta, Robbie Weaver, San Diego, and Jimmy Duffie, Princeton; six daughters, Lois Howse and Gloridean Jennings, both of Nashville, Jackie Offutt, Valdosta, Ga., Sandy Wiley and Victoria Vinson, Clarksville, Tenn., and Shonnon Mathews White, Cadiz; two brothers, the Rev. Elliot (Irene) Vinson, Cadiz, and Raymond (Carrie) Vinson, Ironton, Ohio; a sister, Ruth McFarland, Cadiz; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

JAMES RUTLAND

James Rutland, 91, Cadiz, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012, at Covington's Convalescent Center of natural causes.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Bethel United Methodist Church, Cadiz, with the Revs. Kenny Rogers, O.D. Boyd and Irvin Darnall officiating.

Burial will be in Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery with full military honors.

Visitation will be from 4 until 7 tonight at Goodwin Funeral Home, with Masonic services at 6 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service Friday at the church.

A native of Cadiz, he was born Sept. 6, 1920, the son of the late Robert “Troy” and Ocie Nora Mitchell Rutland.

He was a retired carpenter from Tennessee Valley Authority and was a Marine Corps World War II veteran.

He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, had served as chaplain and was a member of Cadiz Masonic Lodge No. 121, the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Cadiz Civitan Club. He was also a member of the Methodist Men group and volunteered with Agape Prison Ministries. He was active in the Kentucky Senior Games, the Trigg County Ham Festival Horseshoe Toss and was a former grand marshal of the Trigg County Veteran's Parade.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Rutland; three sons, John Rutland, Kuwait, Steve Rutland, Enterprise, Ala., and David Rutland, Cadiz; three daughters, Sandy Rutland-Marks, Lexington, Debbie Rutland, Nashville, Tenn., and Pam Carr, Cadiz; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

LASELDA HAMBY

Laselda Hamby, 91, Blane Drive, died at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2012 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes.

Arrangements are incomplete at Hughart and Beard Funeral Home.

VIRGINIA HARPER

Virginia Harper, 89, Hopkinsville, formerly of Princeton, died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Christian Health Center.
 Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton.

HERSHEL CRUTCHFIELD

Hershel Edward Cruthfield, 84, Cadiz, died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Southgate Nursing and Rehab Center, Metropolis, Ill., of natural causes.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Palestine Cemetery, Fulton.

King's Funeral Home, Cadiz, is in charge of arrangements.

A native of Fulton, he was born Oct. 22, 1927, the son of the late Herschel and Ruby Edwards Cruthfield.

He was a retired district judge for the Alaska State Court System and was a member of the American Judges Association.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean Conflict.

Life with a yo-yo is full of ups and downs

DEAR AMY: My 31-year-old daughter and her 43-year-old partner have lived together for about four years.

For the last two years, her partner's older brother has lived with them so that he could find a job, sort out marital problems, save money and find his own place.

Initially, my daughter wanted to be helpful, but soon discovered that she was dealing with the yo-yo life and broken promises of an alcoholic.

Her partner has a kind of codependent relationship with his older brother and cannot give him the necessary "tough love."

My daughter now has a 10-month-old baby to care for and is very anxious about raising a child around an alcoholic.

Neither brother has any interest in seeking help, and my daughter feels trapped in a situation where she must ask her partner to make a choice between her or the brother.

Do you have any advice for her? — Wondering Mom

DEAR WONDERING: The problem of being entangled with the yo-yo life of an alcoholic is that the person spinning the yo-yo entangles other people in the string.

Your daughter's partner and his brother don't want to change.

Your daughter only has the power to change her own approach, and she needs to be brave enough to confront the anxiety of delivering the "tough love."

She should tell her partner: "The way we are living isn't healthy for me and our child. It's time for your brother to move out so we can concentrate on raising our baby."

If her partner's loyalty to his brother exceeds his willingness to put his partner and child at the center of his life, she may have to prepare herself to leave the relationship.

She may find comfort, community and understanding in Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org). If her partner won't attend meetings, she should go on her own.

SEND QUESTIONS via email to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson's memoir, "The Mighty Queens of Freerville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them" (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.

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**ASK
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**AMY
DICKINSON**

Police: Soldier's body found in southern Illinois lake

GOLCONDA, Ill. (AP) — Illinois State Police are investigating the death of an Army soldier found drowned in his submerged car near a boat ramp at a south-eastern Illinois lake.

State police say they found no signs of foul play in the death of 21-year-old Timothy Clark, whose body was found Monday by a

fisherman in Lake Glendale in Pope County.

Investigators say initial autopsies results reveal a preliminary cause of death to be drowning. Drug-and-alcohol screenings of Clark's blood are pending.

State police say Clark was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Men plead not guilty to killing couple

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — An Eastern Kentucky University student and an Iraq war veteran have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and killing a central Kentucky couple reported missing almost two years ago.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports that Madison District Judge Charles Hardin entered the pleas Wednesday on behalf of 26-year-old student Daniel Keene and 27-year-old veteran Matt Denholm. Both men are charged with murder, kidnapping and tampering with evidence.

Police said on Tuesday that the men were charged after officers found the bodies of Charles Walker and his girlfriend Son-sarary Warford. A police affidavit says Walker was the target of a "hit" because he had allegedly stolen \$180,000. Warford was

killed because she happened to be with him. According to an affidavit, Keene told police that he drove the couple to a field in Madison County where he dug a grave for them while Denholm tortured and executed them. The affidavit says Keene told police that Denholm shot Warford and stabbed Walker, then cut off Walker's hands and took gold teeth from his mouth.

Police said the bodies were found after several sites were search, but declined on Tuesday to release more information.

"This is a big puzzle, and this is just one of the pieces of it," Richmond police Maj. Bob Mott said. "There's obviously more to it, and that's why we can't comment any further, because there is still further investigation by all the agencies involved."

IN BRIEF

AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following meetings:

TODAY

Oak Grove Ethics Commission, 5:30 p.m., city hall.

FRIDAY

Oak Grove Budget Committee, 1 p.m., city hall.

CANCELLATIONS

The March meeting of the **Community and Development Services** has been canceled.

LAKE LEVELS

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation, last updated at 7 p.m. Wednesday, **Kentucky Lake, Upper Stage,** 354.9; **Normal Stage,** 354; **Lower Stage,** 307.9.

Lake Barkley, Upper Stage, 355.3; **Normal Stage,** 354; **Lower Stage,** 310.

Water Temperatures, Kentucky Lake, 67 degrees; **Kentucky Dam,** 67 degrees; **Barkley Dam,** 66 degrees; **Normal Temperature,** 59 degrees.

Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

PRECIPITATION

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Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

LOTTERY

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

5 Card Cash: 3C-5C-6D-8D-4S
Cash Ball: 02-04-17-33, Cash Ball: 26, Kicker: 5-1-0-7-3
Pick 3 Evening: 6-8-6
Pick 3 Midday: 5-5-2
Pick 4 Evening: 1-3-2-1
Pick 4 Midday: 7-5-5-9
Powerball: 11-16-29-50-58, Powerball: 33

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

Cash 3 Evening: 4-6-3, Lucky Sum: 13
Cash 3 Midday: 9-2-7, Lucky Sum: 18
Cash 4 Evening: 6-0-8-1, Lucky Sum: 15
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The joys of life pale next to those of heaven

DEAR REV. GRAHAM: To be honest, I can't get excited about going to heaven. I'm a Christian and I know I'll go there when I die, but I enjoy my life and I don't want to leave it behind. Is it wrong to feel this way? — C.M.

DEAR C.M.: It's not wrong to enjoy the good gifts God gives us; in fact, it would be wrong to ignore them or be ungrateful for them. The writer of Ecclesiastes said, "When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them... this is a gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

But the Bible also warns us not to become too attached to this world, because our time here is short and some day we'll leave it all behind. If

we live only for this world and its pleasures, our lives will have no lasting meaning, and we will be unprepared for eternity. Don't let this happen to you. Jesus warned, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

I also can't help but wonder if you've really understood the wonder and glory of heaven. No matter how full

MY ANSWER



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your life is right now, some day you will enter the presence of God.

Can you even begin to imagine this? Even life's greatest joys fade into insignificance when compared with the joys of heaven.

Remember, too, that life won't always be this way for you, if you live long enough. Old age brings weakness, sorrow and loss.

But it also should bring an even greater yearning for heaven. May that yearning begin in your heart today.

SEND YOUR QUERIES to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201; call 877-2-GRAHAM, or visit the website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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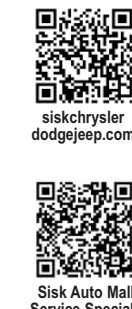
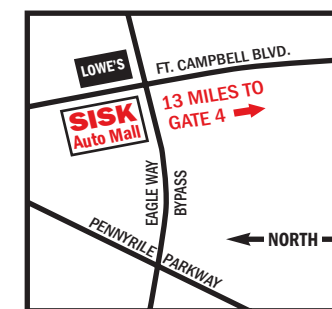
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Gov. Beshear calls for Ky. lawmakers to pass budget

BY ROGER ALFORD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — With time running out in this year's legislative session, Gov. Steve Beshear on Wednesday called on lawmakers to reach an agreement on competing budget proposals so that he won't have to call them back to Frankfort to finish their work.

"I think the one thing the people of Kentucky would not accept is the legislature leaving town without a budget," Beshear said. "And so I feel confident that they all understand

that, and they're going to work hard to make that happen."

But House Speaker Greg Stumbo said Wednesday that budget talks have stalled, and he raised the specter of adjourning the legislative session without reaching an agreement.

The major sticking point involves whether to pre-approve the authorization of \$100 million in debt for the School Facilities Construction Commission to build new schools beginning in 2014. The Senate wants to delete that language from the budget proposal. The House insists on keeping it.

"The precious minutes are ticking by," he said.

Negotiations have been underway since Monday between House and Senate leaders to try to reach a compromise on a \$19 billion budget that requires sharp cuts to most government agencies and programs. The negotiators faced a self-imposed 2 a.m. deadline today for reaching an agreement so that it can be voted on by the full House and Senate by Friday evening, which is the last day for lawmakers to vote on bills.

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Senators consider unemployment insurance loan bill

BY RANDY PATRICK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky employers could save \$600 million in unemployment insurance tax payments under a House bill that's now under consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The proposal by House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, a Louisville Democrat, would allow the state to borrow money to pay the interest on \$948.7 million in federal loans that kept the state's unemployment insurance program afloat during the recession.

The bill would allow Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance to purchase a revenue bond, providing the money for the state to make the 2011-13 interest payments. If the state doesn't make those payments by Sept. 30, the unemployment insurance tax will increase from \$63 to more than \$400 per worker next year, Clark said.

According to the Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance website, it is the largest provider of workers' compensation insurance in Kentucky. It is owned by its policyholders and funded by premiums and investment income.

The committee heard the bill Wednesday morning but delayed a vote to allow members more time to study it. Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, the chairman, said the committee would

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Pennyroyal Area Museum to offer annual quilt show

The Pennyroyal Area Museum will offer its 23rd annual Quilt Show from April 9 to 28.

The museum is inviting quilt submissions for the show. There will be a quilting bee from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at the museum. For more information, call 270-887-4270.

Regional children's author to visit Indian Hills Elementary

Children's author Lisa Winter will share her book "Let's Go Down" with fifth-grade students at Indian Hills Elementary School from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Friday.

Winter is from Muhlenberg County. Her book is about a coal miner's family. The fifth-grade students, who are taught by Heather Baker, recently completed a unit on coal mining and wrote opinion pieces on the issue.

4-H speech contests were recently offered in CCPS elementary schools. Winners from Indian Hills discussed their study of coal mining. The students will participate in the district speech competition on April 5.

Elementary school choir to perform at middle school

The All County Honor Choir, made up of five students from each of the 10 elementary schools in Christian County, will perform a free concert at 6 p.m. Friday at the Christian County Middle School.

The choir's concert will be lead by PAC Director Barbara Felts. Music selections will cover three languages.

Bridge project to receive \$9M emergency relief grant from KTC

A \$9-million grant was awarded to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for repairs to Eggners Ferry Bridge, according to a news release from Rep. Ed Whitfield's office.

A span of the bridge collapsed when it was struck by a cargo ship in late January.

The grant, offered under the

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Jennifer Matlock and her son Scott Evans, 19, embrace Tuesday as Jeffery John Kotarek is led out of Daviess Circuit Court in Owensboro following Kotarek's sentencing by Judge Jay Wethington.

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Owensboro man sentenced to 15 years in pedestrian death

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO, Ky. — A western Kentucky judge has sentenced a 47-year-old man to 15 years in prison in the hit-and-run death of a teenager two years ago.

The Messenger-Inquirer reports that the Daviess County judge followed the recommendation of the jury when he handed down the sentence on Tuesday.

Jeffery John Kotarek was convicted of

reckless homicide, leaving the scene of an accident and tampering with physical evidence in the death of 13-year-old Madalynn Matlock. The girl died on March 10, 2010 after being hit four days earlier as she walked along Old Kentucky 54 near Philpot.

The jury recommended that Kotarek serve five years on each count with the sentences to run consecutively for a total of 15 years.

Most wanted list leads to arrest

FROM THE KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Madisonville's most wanted list led to the arrest of a North Carolina man on rape charges.

The suspect's girlfriend discovered his name on the list when she searched online.

"She called the local sheriff's department and said he's at my house, come get him," said Detective Leighann Leavell of the Madisonville Police Department.

"She had two children in her home, she did not want him around them."

Kristopher K. Hill, 30, Beulaville, N.C., was charged with two counts of first-degree rape.

The Duplin County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina picked up Hill on March 16 and he was extradited Monday to Hopkins County, Leavell said.

Hill was taken to the Hopkins County Jail and is being held on a \$15,000 cash bond. His arraignment is scheduled for Tuesday.

The 13-year-old victim of the alleged rapes came forward in September, Leavell said.

She reported the two incidents happened between March 2010 and March 2011 when Hill lived in Madisonville, Leavell said.

Hill was indicted on two counts of rape by the Hopkins Circuit Court on Jan. 23.

The charges are Class B felonies with a maximum sentence of 10 to 20 years.

Hill was not in town when the indictments were handed down and a warrant for his arrest was entered into the National Crime Information Center database, said Lt. Charlie Young.

Leavell said normally when someone turns in a significant other, it is done out of anger, but Hill's girlfriend had another motive.

"She had two children in her home, she did not want him around them," the detective said.

STORY BY LANA KUNZ, of The Messenger in Madisonville.

ACCIDENTS

Cadiz woman in stable condition after wreck

A Cadiz woman remains in the hospital after pulling out in front of a pickup truck Tuesday, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

According to the report, Roxie Boren, 50, driving a 1998 Mazda Familia, pulled out in front of a 1999 Chevrolet 4x4 driven by Dylan Campbell, 19, of Hopkinsville, at West Seventh Street and Westside Court.

The report said Boren suffered a head injury and could not provide an account of the events leading up to the wreck. Police could not determine if she stopped at the stop sign before entering the intersection, the report said.

Boren was taken to Jennie Stuart Medical Center

and remained there in stable condition Wednesday night, according to a hospital spokesman.

Local woman treated, released after wreck

A Hopkinsville man who was pulling out of a parking lot on West Seventh Street caused a two-car wreck on Tuesday, according to a HPD report.

The report said a car on West Seventh Street had stopped to let Stephen Evans, 25, of Hopkinsville, in a 2007 Honda Civic, out of Subway's parking lot. Evans, however, failed to see a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Tiffaney Powell, 22, of Hopkinsville, in another lane and pulled out in front of her.

Powell was taken to Jennie Stuart Medical Center

for a possible neck injury and was treated and released, according to a hospital spokesman.

2 local men injured in Tuesday crash

Two Hopkinsville men were injured when one, driving a 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, failed to yield to the other in a 2008 Dodge Durango, according to a HPD report.

The report stated Desmond Sutton, 31, was making a left turn from LaFayette Road onto Eagle Way when he drove in front of Micah Kaminski, 40. Both men were taken to Jennie Stuart Medical Center where they were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

— From New Era staff reports

CRIME

Tenn. woman reports sexual abuse

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A Clarksville, Tenn., woman told deputies that she was sexually abused March 20 while at the house of a Hopkinsville man, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report.

The 27-year-old said she was drinking at the home of a man on Bell Station Road when she got tired around 7:30 a.m. She went to sleep in the same room as his children, according to the report.

She was later awakened with the man allegedly in bed with her and his hands down her pants, deputies said.

A suspect is listed in the report.

Fugitive of the week arrested

A woman featured in the Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers Fugitive of the

Week program was arrested Tuesday evening, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

Heather M. Dossett, 32, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear. A tip led police to Roundie's Restaurant, where she was arrested.

Man arrested for using debit card

Police arrested a Hopkinsville man for allegedly charging thousands of dollars to another person's debit card.

Chad M. Poole, 25, was arrested on charges of first-degree unlawful access to a computer and two counts of knowingly exploiting an adult by person (more than \$300).

In December, Poole allegedly used a debit card that wasn't his 53 times for purchases in excess of \$6,200, police said.

He was arrested at a Lee Lane address.

BESHEAR: Gov. calls for budget to pass

FROM PAGE A6

Leaders in the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-led Senate have been engaged in increasingly contentious talks, which in years past have always been conducted out of public view. This year, they have allowed cameras from public television station KET into the conference room where they're meeting. Reporters have been able to monitor the talks via the KET feed.

"I think it's safe to say the negotiations are going along as they usually do," said Beshear, a Democrat. "There's a lot of posturing, but I think there's also some conversations going on behind the scenes that hopefully will get us to a resolution by the time the session ends."

The Senate wants to cut the amount of new debt in the budget to \$391 million. That's \$161 million less than the House had authorized and \$577 million less than the governor authorized.

Negotiators also are attempting to resolve differences in proposed appropriations for indigent hospital care in Louisville. The House proposes \$41 million for the next two years while the Senate pledges \$30 million but agrees to more if the city of Louisville contributes more.

Lawmakers have agreed to eliminate a \$30,000-a-year housing allowance for Democratic Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson, a relatively small appropriation that was first proposed by Senate Republicans.

Beshear said Wednesday that he and Abramson are fine with that cut.

Lawmakers also have agreed to scrap cost-of-living increases in the monthly pension checks of some 200,000 government retirees and skip pay raises for teachers and government workers.

One of the sticking points involved how revenue from the state's tax on mined coal would be appropriated, including \$6 million that House Democrats want to use to provide scholarships to Appalachian college students.

Negotiators haven't yet tackled the state's two-year, \$3.5 billion Road Fund budget.

BRIEFS: Bridge project to receive \$9M grant

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Emergency Relief Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highways Administration, covers emergency repairs needed to restore essential traffic, repairs to minimize the extent of damage or protect the remaining facilities and also permanent repairs necessary to restore the road to the condition before the bridge collapse, the release stated.

awarded an impact Army Achievement Medal on March 22. According to the release, McIntire was sitting on her couch on Jan. 13, when she heard a neighbor screaming for help. McIntire ran toward the neighbor and saw the boy lying face down on the floor.

McIntire immediately picked the boy up and assessed his airway. When checking his airway, she found no visible food in his mouth.

McIntire then turned him over and began to administer the Heimlich maneuver. On the second try, a piece of food shot out of the boy's throat, and he began to breathe again.

After about five minutes, the boy seemed to come back around and began to cry, the release stated.

—From New Era staff reports

SENATE: Committee considers unemployment insurance bill

FROM PAGE A6

meet later Wednesday, and the bill could be voted on then.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 97-0 on March 14.

According to the House Speaker's office, the measure would save Kentucky employers \$600 million in federal unemployment tax increases that could take effect as soon as this fall when a federal unemployment tax credit they ordinarily receive would be eliminated.

Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, said that all of the money paid into the unemployment trust fund is "employer money."

He said the Senate version of the bill keeps intact the House proposal and imposes a \$21-per-employee surcharge to pay the interest on the new loan beginning in 2013.

"We're preparing to borrow funds to pay the interest on the federal loan. The surcharge will initially pay back the borrowed money to pay the interest on the borrowed money," Givens said.

The surcharge he said, "will be effectively the third tax increase" for employers in a two-year period.

According to Clark, though, there will be a more onerous federal tax increase on those businesses.

"The issue is here that if we don't take action — and 27 other states are in the same position — the cost per employer will go to \$422 per employee," Clark said Wednesday.

Christian County Senior Citizens Center Fundraiser

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Attention

Commercial customers that are serviced by the Hopkinsville Solid Waste Authority. Below are new rates that have been proposed to the Hopkinsville City Council for approval. Once these rates are approved, they will take effect May 1, 2012.

Please find your level of service in the table below and locate your new rate. If you have any questions, contact HSWE at 270-887-6244 or 270-887-6245.

1. Personal Cans (32 gallon to 96 gallon)

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Cans Per Customer				
	Up to 4	5	6	7	8
4	\$14.48 16.21	\$16.80 20.26	\$17.11 24.31	\$18.43 28.36	\$19.76 32.41
8	28.96 32.42	31.69 40.52	34.23 48.62	38.86 56.72	39.48 64.82
12	43.43 48.63	47.39 60.78	61.34 72.93	66.39 85.08	69.23 97.23
16	57.62 64.84	63.18 81.04	68.46 97.24	73.71 113.44	78.98 129.64
20	72.40 81.06	78.98 101.30	86.66 121.66	92.14 141.80	98.72 162.06
24	86.88 97.26	94.77 121.58	102.87 145.88	110.87 170.18	118.47 184.48

2. Commercial Cart (96 Gallon)

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Containers Per Customer					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	\$21.06 23.56	\$39.49 47.12	\$66.29 70.68	\$73.71 94.24	\$94.77 117.80	\$113.20 141.36
8	42.12 47.12	78.98 94.24	110.67 141.36	147.42 188.48	189.84 235.60	226.40 282.72
12	63.18 70.68	118.47 141.36	166.86 212.04	221.13 282.72	284.34 353.40	339.60 424.08
16	84.24 84.24	167.06 188.48	221.13 282.72	294.84 376.98	379.08 471.20	462.79 565.44
20	106.30 117.80	187.44 235.60	278.42 353.40	368.56 471.20	473.85 589.00	588.89 708.80
24	126.36 141.36	236.93 282.76	331.70 424.08	442.26 565.44	568.62 706.80	679.19 848.16

3. Two cubic yard container.

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Containers Per Customer					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	\$34.23 39.57	\$65.82 79.14	\$87.41 118.14	\$128.00 158.28	\$160.69 197.85	\$192.18 237.42
8	65.45 79.14	131.63 158.28	184.81 237.42	267.99 316.56	321.17 395.70	384.36 474.84
12	102.67 118.14	182.36 287.44	282.21 354.42	386.98 472.96	481.76 590.70	576.62 708.64
16	136.89 158.28	263.26 316.56	389.61 474.75	516.97 633.12	642.33 791.40	768.69 949.68
20	171.12 197.85	329.07 395.70	487.02 593.55	644.87 791.40	802.62 989.25	960.37 1187.10
24	206.34 237.42	364.88 474.84	584.42 712.26	773.86 949.68	963.60 1187.10	1153.04 1424.62

4. Four cubic yard container.

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Containers Per Customer					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	\$66.82 79.15	\$131.64 158.30	\$197.46 237.45	\$263.28 316.60	\$329.10 395.75	\$394.91 474.90
8	131.64 158.30	263.28 316.60	394.91 474.90	526.55 633.20	658.19 791.50	789.83 949.80
12	197.46 237.15	394.91 474.30	592.37 711.45	789.83 948.60	987.29 1185.75	1184.74 1422.90
16	263.28 316.60	526.56 633.20	789.83 949.80	1063.10 1266.40	1316.38 1583.00	1579.66 1899.60
20	329.10 395.75	658.19 791.50	987.29 1187.25	1316.38 1583.00	1645.48 1978.75	1974.67 2374.50
24	394.91 474.90	789.83 949.80	1184.74 1424.70	1579.66 1899.60	1974.67 2374.50	2369.48 2849.40

5. Six cubic yard container.

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Containers Per Customer					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	\$97.41 118.72	\$192.18 237.44	\$286.95 356.16	\$381.72 474.88	\$473.86 593.60	\$571.26 712.32
8	194.81 237.44	384.36 474.88	573.89 712.32	763.43 949.76	947.70 1187.20	1142.61 1424.64
12	282.21 356.16	576.52 712.32	860.83 1068.46	1146.14 1424.64	1421.66 1780.80	1713.76 2136.96
16	369.61 474.88	768.69 949.76	1147.77 1424.64	1526.85 1899.52	1895.40 2374.40	2285.01 2849.28
20	487.02 593.60	960.87 1187.20	1434.72 1780.80	1908.67 2374.40	2369.26 2968.00	2866.27 3561.60
24	604.42 712.32	1163.04 1424.64	1721.66 2136.96	2290.28 2849.28	2843.10 3561.60	3427.62 4273.92

6. Eight cubic yard container.

Number of Pickups per Month	Number of Containers Per Customer	
	1	2
4	\$131.63 158.30	\$264.48 316.60
8	263.26 316.60	527.73 633.20
12	394.88 474.90	777.73 949.80
16	526.50 633.20	1009.35 1266.40
20	658.13 791.50	1228.60 1583.00

Let's jog off Hoptown's beaten path to see more

The Pennyroyal Arts Council has a great idea and a clever name for a new fundraiser. The Jellybean Jog is a 5K run that will follow the same downtown route as the annual Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot organized by supporters of the Pennyryle Rail Trail Foundation.

Kudos to the arts council for this sweet plan. The Jellybean Jog starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Founders Square. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m.

OUR OPINION

We love everything about the idea for the Jellybean Jog and its potential to raise money for a good cause, with one exception. By sticking to the same route used by the Turkey Trot, the arts council will be leading joggers on two of the city's busiest downtown streets — South Virginia and Main. Here's the problem: Too many people fail to venture off those streets in their daily routines. If more of us took a different path, we could discover additional layers of the city's character and maybe gain an appreciation for maintaining the older neighborhoods in Hopkinsville.

The popularity of the Turkey Trot has proven that Hopkinsville will support simple events that offer people a chance to get outside and enjoy time with family and friends. Last year, even with a light rain on Thanksgiving morning, about 400 people turned out to walk, run, bike or ride in a baby stroller for the 10th annual Turkey Trot.

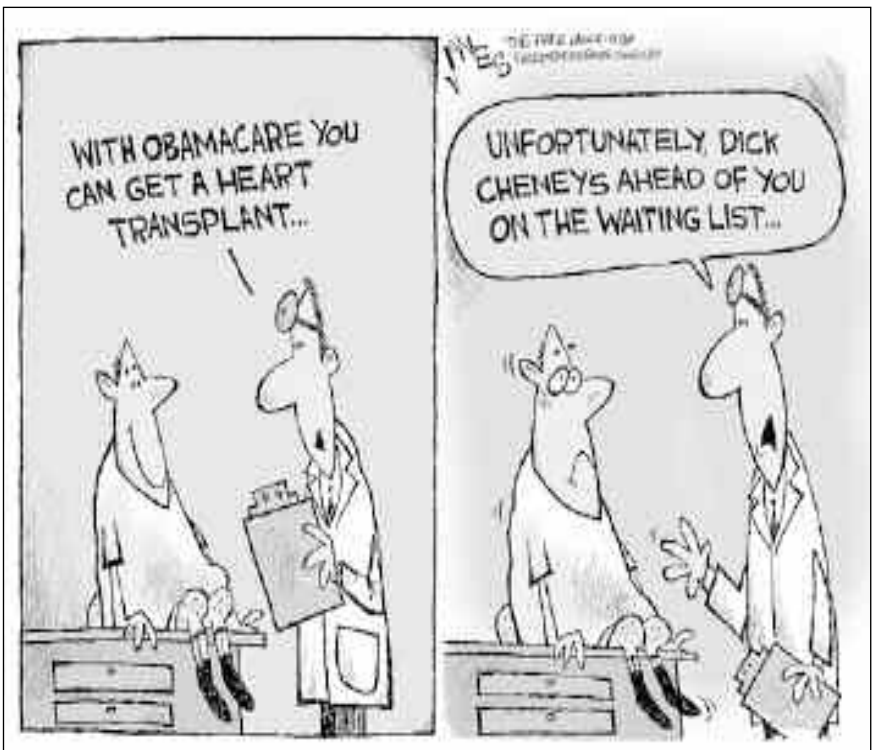
If the arts council and the Pennyryle Rail Trail Foundation change the routes for future events, there are plenty of options.

Liberty, Clay and Campbell streets run parallel with South Virginia and have less vehicle travel, so the runners and police officers who provide the escort could worry less about accidents.

What if the city blocked off Sixth Street between Main and Virginia as a starting point? Participants could park just a block away at one of the two large lots adjacent to Grace Episcopal Church.

Events like the Turkey Trot and Jellybean Jog help build community connections and highlight opportunities for downtown Hopkinsville. Some small changes in the routes would increase those opportunities and broaden our view of the city.

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COLUMNIST

Rhetoric of health reform

A friend of mine who has been a college teacher for years and was once the mayor of Denton, Texas, confides to me that he is confused by most of the explanations he gets from Medicare and mystified by a charge of \$163,000 for a 24-hour hospital stay and the routine emplacement of a pacemaker. Like me, he figures that something is greatly out of balance in our medical economic system.

I suggest at this point the rejection of two fruitless approaches to solving this problem, which are: it is the fault of the Liberals or it is the fault of the Conservatives. The reason they are fruitless is because they are not specific enough and they lack and need an analytical approach. I see a great danger in throwing out a whole program and starting over from scratch. I think we will have a better final program if we correct specific identifiable problems and leave the things that are working well alone.

The first questions we should ask is, "Who gets the various sums that add up to \$163,000, and which of them, if any, is unreasonable or out of balance?" When we get to the bottom line of who gets what and for what reason, we may run into a problem of who is getting more than he deserves, but we will at least have something concrete to consider. The cost of just taking up space in the hospital might be arguable, but the fly in the ointment is most likely to be the cost of the pacemaker and the cost of the surgical team. Big companies often buy new patents to keep low priced competition of the market. I am a strong believer in the capitalist system but I am not blind to the shenanigans that go with it and need to be regulated.

Teddy Roosevelt did a good job, but

clever robber barons are with us still. When we unravel this, we are going to find all sorts of hidden costs such as the cost of malpractice insurance, and the cost of long hours of medical training. We may need to rethink some aspects of medical training and medical practice. Maybe a new group of medical specialist should be trained in a much shorter and less expensive curriculum to do pacemaker installations and no other medical procedures. Though a marvel of medical technology, the pacemaker is not a highly complex item to manufacture under modern technology.

When I was in the Army I knew of a mere medical corpsman famous for his skill in doing tracheotomies. When I go to my skin cancer clinic, I much prefer the surgical services of the nurse practitioner.

Doctors and lawyers both take a beating that they often do not deserve but all of us, to some extent, are self-serving. And we need a little non-professional check-up now and then. (I have even heard a low-brow rumor that my profession of teaching needs a little check-up from the taxpayers now and then.) We all tend to get in the way of progress when our self-interests are threatened.

When we passed health-care legislation that was so urgent that few had time to read what they were passing, we surely misread the urgency and dismissed all need for prudence.

Finally, I suggest that many of us are trying to do two opposing things at once — sensibly amend health care and give the opposing political party a drubbing. Maybe the two things are Siamese twins and cannot be separated, and I am just another contributor to the sea of rhetoric in which we all seem to be drowning. At this point, I will just take refuge in the Fifth Amendment.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Antibiotics in meat industry threatening modern medicine

The Editor, New Era,
With April 1st just around the corner, it appears that the meat industry is playing us as April Fools by hiding its violations of humane and sanitary laws.

Under intense pressure from the meat lobby, Iowa and Utah have enacted the infamous "ag-gag" laws that criminalize taking or possessing photographs and videotapes documenting the atrocious treatment of animals in factory farms and slaughterhouses. Six other state legislatures (Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and New York) have been considering such legislation.

As these bills were being debated, the head of the World Health Organization forecast the "end of modern medicine," unless the meat industry stops its wholesale use of antibiotics. Industry uses these drugs to ensure that animals survive the extreme crowding of factory farms.

Each of us has a choice to make on the next trip to the local supermarket. We can continue to subsidize the inhumane and unsanitary conditions hidden by the meat industry and condemned by the World Health Organization. Or, we can elect a wholesome nonviolent diet of vegetables, fruits, and grains recommended by leading health authorities.

Henry Eisman
Hopkinsville, Ky.

FROM THE US SENATE

Kentucky has best rivalry in basketball

Something very special in the world of sports is happening in my home State of Kentucky.

Kentucky is well known as the home to the Kentucky Derby, often called the greatest two minutes in sports.

But this coming Saturday, March 31, we will witness one of the greatest moments in Kentucky's sports history.

Two of the most storied and winningest programs in all of college basketball, the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, will meet this Saturday in the 2012 NCAA Tournament Final Four.

The two teams will face off in a semi-finals game in New Orleans. And the winner of that game will contest for the national championship Monday night.

In my home State of Kentucky, the rivalry between fans of UofL and UK is a passionate one. From birth, it seems, Kentuckians are raised to root for one of two teams — you either wear red for the Louisville Cardinals, or blue for the Kentucky Wildcats.

The two teams boast two legendary coaches, Rick Pitino and John Calipari. The teams have met every year since 1983. And they've met in the NCAA Tournament four times, most recently in the Midwest Regionals in 1984. Between them, they have 24 visits to the Final Four. But never have these two teams faced each other in the Final Four, with the stakes so high.

If the excitement and frenzy and turbulence that's been stirred up in Kentucky this week could be harnessed, we could solve our energy crisis. Basketball fans from Kentucky have been waiting their whole lives for this game.

And on Saturday, we will prove that these two schools have the best rivalry in all of college basketball — and that the Commonwealth of Kentucky is the best college basketball State in the Nation.

Let me say that again, so my friends in North Carolina can hear it: UofL and UK have the best rivalry in all of college basketball, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky is the best college basketball State in the Nation.

But only one team can win on Saturday night.

I am actually an alumnus of both schools. I attended the University of Louisville as an undergraduate and went to law school at the University of Kentucky.

So I don't know who will win Saturday's game. But I do know this: whoever the winner is, they will go on to defeat either Kansas or Ohio State and bring a national championship back home to Kentucky where it belongs.

So count me in with my fellow Kentuckians and college basketball fans everywhere as we tune in this Saturday to see history in the making. It's going to be very exciting to watch.

U.S. SEN. MITCH MCCONNELL, R-Ky., made this remarks Wednesday on the Senate floor.

QUOTABLE

"I went up to him and I hit him ... Didn't hit him that hard, but I hit him."

Louisville basketball fan Charles Taylor
After an argument Monday with Kentucky fan Ed Wilson at the Georgetown Dialysis Clinic, where both were receiving treatment



MITCH MCCONNELL

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, March 29**, the 89th day of 2012. There are 277 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he had been shot and mortally wounded by assassins during a masquerade party.

In 1812, the first White House wedding took place as Lucy Payne Washington, the sister of First Lady Dolley Madison, married Supreme Court Justice Thomas Todd.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) The Rodgers and

Hammerstein musical "The King and I" opened on Broadway.

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time, although the network aired a repeat the following night. (Johnny Carson debuted as host in October 1962.)

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were later commuted.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops

left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1992, Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged experimenting with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University, adding, "I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again." More than a month after winning the Olympic gold medal in ladies figure skating, Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States won the world championship title in Oakland, Calif.

Ten years ago: Israeli troops stormed Yasser Arafat's headquarters complex in the West Bank in a raid that was launched in response to anti-Israeli attacks that had killed 30 people in three days.

Five years ago: A defiant, Democratic-con-

trolled Senate approved legislation calling for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within a year. Veteran diplomat Ryan Crocker was sworn in as the new U.S. ambassador to Iraq. West Virginia beat Clemson, 78-73, for its first NIT title in 65 years.

One year ago: Gunmen held an Iraqi government center in Tikrit hostage in a grisly siege that ended with the deaths of at least 56 people, including three councilmen, plus the attackers, who blew themselves up. A seriously ill 73-year-old British woman was accidentally dropped into the bitterly cold Norwegian Sea as rescue workers took her off the cruise ship Ocean Countess (Janet Richardson later died at a hospital).

COURT: Justices split over heath care

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the justices are following their normal practice, they had not even met to take a preliminary vote in the case before all argument concluded.

Questions at the court this week days showed a strong ideological division between the liberal justices who seem inclined to uphold the law in its entirety and the conservative justices whose skepticism about Congress' power to force people to buy insurance suggests deep trouble for the insurance requirement, and possibly the entire law.

The divide on the court reflects a similar split in public opinion about the law, which Congress approved two years ago when

Democrats controlled both houses. The justices' decision is sure to become a significant part of this year's presidential and congressional election campaigns, in which Republicans have relentlessly attacked the law.

Both liberal and conservative justices appeared on Wednesday to accept the administration's argument that at least two important insurance changes are so closely tied to the must-have-coverage requirement that they could not survive without it: provisions requiring insurers to cover people regardless of their existing medical problems and limiting how much those companies can charge in premiums based on a person's age or health.

OFFICE: Surgeon to open local office

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However, McCord did some of his training at the Maryland Spine Fellowship in Baltimore, where he studied with Dr. Paul McAfee, a leader in the use of synthetic materials for replacing faulty cervical discs.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration allowed these prosthetic discs to be marketed for the first time in 2004. European doctors have used them for much longer.

McCord said he was the first doctor to perform this surgery in the South. He opened his Nashville practice in 1991, and he now uses the discs extensively, he said.

He boasts a high success rate: More than 90 percent of his patients use fewer narcotics after the surgery or ceased using them altogether, and some have gone off disability income.

Often he helps patients who still suffer back pain after two or three surgeries from other doctors, he said.

Spinal discs are cushions that separate the bones of the spine. In spinal fusion surgery, the traditional approach, surgeons install

metal rods or plates to support faulty discs. They then insert bone material so the bones become fused.

A 2007 article published by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons stated more than 3,000 disc replacements have been performed in the U.S. and about 20,000 worldwide. Patients who receive disc replacements tend to recover more quickly than patients of spinal fusion, the article states.

As with any surgery, there are risks involved and results can vary. A number of people have sued artificial discs manufacturers for complications that arose during or after their surgeries.

Hopkinsville has numerous orthopaedists and neurologists. But because so many people suffer from back pain — McCord estimates it's the second most common reason for seeing a doctor behind colds — he suspects the market will support his satellite office as well.

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Sunrise 6:38 AM Sunset 7:09 PM	Sunrise 6:37 AM Sunset 7:10 PM	Sunrise 6:35 AM Sunset 7:11 PM	Sunrise 6:34 AM Sunset 7:11 PM	Sunrise 6:32 AM Sunset 7:12 PM

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Kentucky At A Glance



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	65	38	sunny
Bowling Green	78	53	sunny
Cincinnati, OH	65	41	sunny
Corbin	74	47	sunny
Covington	63	42	sunny
Cynthiana	66	42	sunny
Danville	70	48	sunny
Elizabethtown	71	50	sunny
Evansville, IN	73	51	pt sunny
Frankfort	68	45	sunny
Glasgow	76	52	sunny
Hopkinsville	78	53	pt sunny
Knoxville, TN	78	50	sunny
Lexington	67	46	sunny
Louisville	71	51	sunny
Madisonville	76	53	pt sunny
Mayfield	82	57	pt sunny
Middlesboro	78	48	sunny
Morehead	66	43	sunny
Mount Vernon	71	46	sunny
Murray	61	56	pt sunny
Nashville, TN	81	56	sunny
Owensboro	74	52	pt sunny
Paducah	60	56	pt sunny
Pikeville	73	48	sunny
Prestonsburg	69	43	sunny
Richmond	70	48	sunny
Russell Springs	74	48	sunny
Somerset	72	48	sunny
Winchester	69	47	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	57	mt sunny
Boston	47	32	cloudy
Chicago	51	42	sunny
Dallas	81	63	pt sunny
Denver	72	45	pt sunny
Houston	81	66	t-storm
Los Angeles	69	53	pt sunny
Miami	83	66	pt sunny
Minneapolis	61	44	t-storm
New York	53	37	pt sunny
Phoenix	83	56	mt sunny
San Francisco	63	53	pt sunny
Seattle	50	44	rain
St. Louis	74	60	t-storm
Washington, DC	62	41	mt sunny

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
New	Mar 22
First	Mar 30
Full	Apr 6
Last	Apr 13

UV Index

Day	UV Index
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RALLY: Crofton rally aims to bring candidates, citizens together

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would dress in their Sunday best. Discussing it with his fellow organizers, they decided to make the event an old-fashioned political rally of the early 20th century.

The rally will be May 12 in Gordon Park in Crofton. People are encouraged to wear clothes reminiscent of the '20s and '30s and extensive political paraphernalia. The person wearing the most political

paraphernalia will win a prize.

Brown said Rep. Myron Dossett, R-Pembroke, Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, and political candidates Max Sturdivant and Whitney Westerfield have committed to speak at the rally. Sens. Rand Paul, Mitch McConnell and U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield have also been invited.

Brown has also contacted Mitt Romney's campaign about having the candidate for president possibly attend the rally. Organizers told him they would try to fit

the rally into Romney's campaign schedule, Brown said. He also invited Sen. Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich.

"Any politician who is running for anything from constable to president who would like to come out, all they have to do is give me a call or email me," Brown said.

Brown hopes the event will educate attendees about the political process. He stressed that the rally will be nonpartisan with both political parties represented.


"You can't vote if you aren't properly informed," he said. "It is the civic duty of

every citizen to be properly informed and it is the duty of every American to vote."

Arts and crafts will also be offered at the event. Craftspeople can rent booths for \$10. There will also be bouncers, food, games and music at the rally.

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SCORES: District disputes report

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of students at a specific school in a single grade and taking a specific test in reading or math was defined by the AJC as a class. The AJC then looked at "unusual gains and drops" in the scores from one year to the next, Heather Vogell, a journalist for the AJC said in a video conference.

Using a linear regression model, the average score of a class was compared to a score predicted by a statistical model. A probability model was then used to predict the chances of such a rise or fall in a class' score. Classes with a rising or dropping probability of less than 0.05 percent were flagged. Classes without many students had to show more suspicious activity than normal to be flagged and classes with fewer than 10 students were excluded from the report.

In addition, schools with a mobility rate of 25 percent or higher — about 6 percent of the data — were also not included. The AJC also reported that some cities, such as Cleveland, with high mobility rates did not show large amount of suspicious classes.

Instead, the report looked at fluctuations that were consistent with what the AJC found in Atlanta in 2008. That meant excluding some districts with the most extreme shifts.

The purpose of the report was to look for clustering or concentrations of strange increases or decreases in scores.

The results were placed through 2,400 statistical models and were rechecked by statisticians, according to the AJC.

In 2008, 6.25 percent of classes in Christian County were flagged by the report. In 2009, that number decreased by almost half. The following year, 7.69 percent of classes were considered suspicious and in 2011, 11.54 percent were flagged.

Because reading and math tests differ from state to state, the AJC looked at how a certain states' scores compared to other counties in the state.

Real progress does not mean you have these homogeneous changes, Vogell said.

District Response

Bentzel was hired as principal of Lacy in 2009. That year, Lacy gained 19 points in the state's testing index. The dramatic increase came from a sense of urgency, an increase in disciplinary measures and a renewed focus on instruction, Bentzel said. "We had the knowledge that we weren't that good. That was incredibly powerful."

Because Christian County was previously one of the lowest-performing districts in the state, it wasn't difficult to make drastic leaps in test scores, he added.

"When you start putting those practices into place, good things happen," Link said.

The AJC's report casts a negative light on districts that simply performed better than expected, Watson said while raising questions about the methodology of the report.

Bentzel and Watson added that the report fails to take all the variables into account, such as half of Lacy's teachers were new hires that year. The AJC's analysis only undermines the integrity of teachers and students who worked hard to improve their scores, Watson said.

The report is "not anywhere close to the truth about Christian County," Link said.

As evidence, Link pointed out other tests that also show big gains. He said it's not only the core content test scores that have been increasing. All tests, including ACT and Advanced Placement, have continually increased in the past four years.

Recently, AP test scores in Christian County were reported to have increased by more than 300 percent.

After reading the report, Watson said it was "not a sophisticated analysis" and "the net that they've cast needs to be questioned."

As a fourth-grade teacher at Holiday Elementary, Pickerill saw her class' score increase 32 index points in one year. She said she didn't cheat and that there are a lot of teachers like her who worked "their tails off" to get those results.

"I feel like that's a slap in the face," Pickerill said of the AJC report.

On the Web:

For parts of the interview with CCPS administrators, go online to: www.kentuckynewera.com

Safeguards

Kentucky Core Content Test scores are used to measure No Child Left Behind data. KCCT, along with other state tests administered by the district, are heavily monitored during the testing process. Link said in the past four years, the district has never been investigated for alleged cheating by the state.

"That's never been mentioned to us in any way, shape or form," Link said.

To prevent cheating, any school employee who handles a test, even for the purpose of a brief transportation, is required to be trained in test administration ethics, Ramage said. The tests arrive by FedEx and are kept in a double-locked system in accordance with KDE policy. There are only two areas of access to the tests and only two people have the codes. An electronic monitor records every time someone accesses the tests.

When the tests arrive, Ramage and an associate unpack the boxes and check and count every test. They then repack the boxes. As a backup procedure, a building assessment coordinator, most likely a guidance counselor, also counts the tests with the help of someone else.

Also, students sitting next to each other are given different forms of the test.

Part of Christian County's procedure, which is not required by the state, prevents principals from being in any room of any class that is taking a test.

It's "a tightly controlled system," Ramage said.

Because of time constraints and accessibility, teachers don't have the opportunity to alter tests, Link said.

"In Atlanta, the teachers had access to the test. That's how they were able to change (answers)," Link said. "Because of our safeguards, that's impossible."

Four years ago, the administration predicted that tests scores were going to increase dramatically and that those scores could come into question, Watson said. To combat such accusations, the district adopted strict testing policies, Watson said.

Overall, the district was flagged by the AJC for doing better than expected, Link said. "We really believe that we can go much, much higher much, much quicker."

Since the report's release, some districts, such as Nashville, Tenn., and Houston have written formal responses to the AJC also repudiating any claims of cheating.

KDE response

On Tuesday, Lisa Gross, spokeswoman for the KDE, said that she had not fully read the AJC's report, but that the department takes all allegations very seriously.

If the story just calls out sudden jumps in test scores, "we would not agree with that," Gross said. There are already people at KDE, Gross added, who examine test scores and investigate any anomalies.

Link said he contacted the KDE and was told the department was not yet prepared to make a statement on the report.

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PREP

Future Wildcat Poythress scores 19 in All-Star loss

FROM NEW ERA STAFF
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CHICAGO (AP) — Shabazz Muhammad scored 21 points, Rasheed Sulaimon added 18 and the West beat the East 106-102 in the McDonald's All-American game on Wednesday night.

Muhammad and the West squad finished a number of breaks with fantastic dunks, and Duke recruit Sulaimon was 4 for 8 from 3-point range.

Muhammad is still weighing his college choices. He is considering Kentucky, Duke, Kansas, UNLV and UCLA.

Alex Poythress, who signed with Kentucky, finished with 19 points for the East. Poythress is a senior at Clarksville (Tenn.) Northeast High School.

The East trailed by as

many as 24 with 12:03 left, but they mounted an impressive comeback. Amile Jefferson had a dunk to make it 93-88 with 3:42 left, but Sulaimon answered with a 3. Rodney Purvis' three-point play got the East within four with 1:19 left, but Sulaimon answered with a three-point play of his own.

Graves helps East girls win McDonald's game

CHICAGO (AP) — Bashaara Graves made a game-winning free throw with less than a second left and the East beat the West 79-78 in the McDonald's All-American game on Wednesday.

Baylor recruit Alexis Prince had 15 points and nine rebounds for the East to earn the MVP award.

Katie Collier made two foul shots for the West with 16.4 seconds left, tying it at 68. Graves was fouled by Collier on the ensuing possession, and the Tennessee recruit made the first free throw to put the East ahead with 0.3

seconds remaining. She missed the second, but time expired before the West could attempt a shot.

"I was ready for it to be over, but I still wanted to play because it was great experience out there and it was fun playing on the court knowing a lot of greats already played on it," Graves said.

Player of the year Breanna Stewart scored seven of her nine points for the East in the final 4 minutes of the game at the United Center. Stewart is headed to Connecticut.

Nirra Fields, who is committed to Washington, led the West with 20 points.

Morgan Tuck, who is from the Chicago area, scored 12 of her 18 points in the second half for the West. Tuck is committed to Connecticut.

"I was definitely nervous starting off and I think that was how everybody was," she said. "Talking on the bench with my teammates, they got me nice and calm and we just had to go out there and play. I just think overall I was getting the ball where I can score."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FOOD: UK, Cards set for monumental clash

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dominating run to its second straight Final Four, the Cardinals stumbled their way through the regular season, and then won four games in four days to earn the Big East tournament championship, and rode that momentum all the way into the final weekend of the season. Louisville looks much like the Connecticut team that defeated the Wildcats in the Final Four last year.

The Cardinals are trying to be only the second No. 4 seed to win it all, joining Arizona in 1997. That club beat Pitino and Kentucky for the national title.

Pitino is the only coach to officially lead three different programs to the Final Four (the NCAA wiped away Calipari's Final Four runs with Memphis and Massachusetts), and could possibly be one of the newest inductees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. The class of 2012 will be announced Monday prior to the national championship game.

But Kentucky is hoping to spoil what could be Pitino's weekend.

The Wildcats are the closest to an NBA team there is in the college game, so much so many have debated whether or not this group could beat the Charlotte Bobcats, Toronto Raptors or former Wildcat John Wall and the Washington Wizards. Kentucky set a record after having five of its players selected in the first round of the 2010 NBA draft, including Wall who went first overall. The Wildcats could have six this year.

Kentucky's Anthony Davis is the best player in college basketball and

will be the No. 1 overall pick if he chooses to leave. His freshman teammate, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, could be the next player taken. Sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb, freshman Marquis Teague and senior Darius Miller all could hear their names called early on draft day as well.

Calipari is 9-5 against Louisville in his career, including a 69-62 win over the Cardinals on Dec. 31 at Rupp Arena, and if he's ever going to capture that elusive national championship, this is the team he's going to do it with.

So who does Bennett think will win between his alma mater and his hometown team that is coached by the man he worked for as an assistant at Kentucky and later with the Boston Celtics?

"When it's all said and done, UK is in my blood," Bennett said. "I want to see Coach Pitino do well. I can't believe he's not in the Hall of Fame already. But sooner or later, that glass slipper has to come off. Kentucky will win this thing."

I agree. Pitino is a great coach, but Calipari has too much firepower on his bench. The real question is: If the Wildcats win Saturday, will they have enough to deliver national championship No. 8 to Lexington on Monday?

Then again, does that even matter to Kentucky fans as long as they beat Louisville?

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BLUEGRASS: Behanan to be key for Louisville

FROM PAGE B1

played them in Lexington — it looks like we didn't know what we were doing out there, to be honest with you," said Behanan, who picked up three fouls in a 4-minute stretch and finished with four points and five rebounds. "We were just running around."

Behanan said only assistant Richard Pitino approached him about the undefeated statement, telling him to watch what he said. Behanan says he learned from stretch and the mistakes he made against the Wildcats.

"It was a humbling process and a hard process, too," Behanan said. "Coming off a loss to Georgetown and then another loss to Kentucky, it was really hard for us. We just had to find, we had to dig deep inside to find what was really wrong with us when we went in the slump. They're both really good teams and I give credit all to them, they just beat us. But there's a new story now."

Sure is. Louisville's late-season surge with eight straight wins, including the Big East tournament championship, coincides with the maturation of its

star freshman. "I think Chane has learned to keep his mouth shut. That's No. 1," senior Chris Smith said. "He's grown up. He's become a man. In the last three or four weeks he's become a man."

Behanan was named the West Regional's most outstanding player on the strength of his second-half play in Phoenix against Michigan State and Florida.

After going scoreless in the first 20 minutes, he paired 15 second-half points with his nine rebounds against the Spartans, then scored 13 of his 17 points against the Gators in the second half, including the game's go-ahead bucket with 1:12 to play on a turnaround jumper he said he modeled after his favorite player, Kobe Bryant.

In Louisville's four NCAA tournament wins, Behanan is leading the team with 14 points per game.

Senior Kyle Kuric said early in the season that Behanan might grow overconfident after a strong performance and follow up with couple of poor practices.

"Now he's matured and understands that 'I

can have a great game and to keep it going I need to stay hungry and stay focused to have another good game,'" Kuric said.

Behanan says he's working more, studying film and using coach Rick Pitino's conditioning program.

"To me it feels like the game comes to you," he said. "You just do unbelievable stuff you never did before."

Pitino said there's more to come from the 19-year-old.

"He's just scratching his potential," he said. "He's going to get so much better down the road."

Behanan first tasted the Kentucky-Louisville rivalry after transferring to Bowling Green in western Kentucky to finish his high school career. He's looking forward to giving his team a shot at redemption and showing the Wildcats he's a different player than they saw in December.

"I feel like if I would have stayed in the game it would have been pretty much an even game," he said. "Win or lose, it would have been a real good game."

He'll get another shot Saturday in New Orleans.

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times CDT				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	28	22	.560	—
Boston	28	22	.560	—
New York	26	25	.510	2 1/2
Toronto	17	34	.333	11 1/2
New Jersey	17	35	.327	12
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	13	.729	—
Orlando	32	19	.627	4 1/2
Atlanta	30	22	.577	7
Washington	11	38	.224	24 1/2
Charlotte	7	41	.146	28
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	41	11	.788	—
Indiana	29	20	.592	10 1/2
Milwaukee	23	27	.460	17
Detroit	18	32	.360	22
Cleveland	17	31	.354	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	14	.714	—
Dallas	29	22	.569	7
Memphis	27	21	.563	7 1/2
Houston	27	24	.529	9
New Orleans	12	37	.245	23
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	38	12	.760	—
Utah	27	24	.529	11 1/2
Denver	27	24	.529	11 1/2
Minnesota	25	27	.481	14
Portland	23	27	.460	15
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	—
L.A. Clippers	28	21	.571	2 1/2
Phoenix	25	25	.500	6
Golden State	20	28	.417	10
Sacramento	17	33	.340	14
x-clinched playoff spot				

Wednesday	
Detroit 87, Cleveland 75	
Minnesota 88, Charlotte 83	
Toronto 105, Denver 96	
New York 108, Orlando 86	
Chicago 98, Atlanta 77	
Boston 94, Utah 82	
New Jersey 100, Indiana 84	
San Antonio 117, Sacramento 112	
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.	
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.	
Thursday	
Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.	
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.	
New Orleans at Portland, 9 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.	
Friday	
Denver at Charlotte, 6 p.m.	
Miami at Toronto, 6 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.	
New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.	
Memphis at Houston, 7 p.m.	
Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	
Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.	
Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.	
New Jersey at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.	
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
National Invitation Tournament Glance	
All Times CDT	
Semifinals	
At Madison Square Garden	
New York	
Tuesday, March 27	
Stanford 74, UMass 64	
Minnesota 68, Washington 67, OT	
Championship	
Thursday, March 29	
Stanford (25-11) vs. Minnesota (23-14), 6 p.m.	
NCAA Tournament Glance	
All Times CDT	
FINAL FOUR	
At The Superdome	
New Orleans	
National Semifinals	
Saturday, March 31	
Kentucky (36-2) vs. Louisville (30-9), 5:09 p.m.	
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Kansas (31-6), 7:49 p.m.	
National Championship	
Monday, April 2	
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.	
NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Glance	
RALEIGH REGIONAL	
Regional Championship	
Notre Dame 80, Maryland 49	
KINGSTON REGIONAL	
Regional Championship	
Tuesday, March 27	
UConn 80, Kentucky 65	
FINAL FOUR	
At Pepsi Center	
Denver	
National Semifinals	
Sunday, April 1	
Baylor (38-0) vs. Stanford (35-1), 6:30 or 9 p.m.	
Notre Dame vs. UConn (33-4), 6:30 or 9 p.m.	
National Championship	
Tuesday, April 3	
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.	

BASEBALL	
Spring Training Glance	
All Times CDT	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	W L Pct
Toronto	21 4 .840
Oakland	14 5 .737
Detroit	15 6 .714
Los Angeles	15 10 .600
Seattle	12 8 .600
New York	13 10 .565
Kansas City	14 11 .560
Minnesota	15 12 .556
Boston	12 10 .545
Baltimore	10 11 .476
Chicago	11 15 .423
Tampa Bay	8 15 .348
Texas	6 16 .333
Cleveland	8 17 .261
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
	W L Pct
St. Louis	14 7 .667
San Diego	17 12 .586
San Francisco	15 11 .577
Colorado	14 11 .560
Los Angeles	12 10 .545
Houston	13 12 .520
Chicago	14 14 .500
Milwaukee	11 13 .458
Miami	9 11 .450
Philadelphia	11 14 .440
Cincinnati	11 16 .407
Arizona	10 15 .400
Atlanta	9 14 .391
Washington	8 14 .364
Pittsburgh	8 16 .333
New York	6 16 .273
NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.	
Tuesday's Games	
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0	
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4	
Miami 3, Washington 1	
Houston 14, Detroit 7	
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 5	
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 0	
San Diego (ss) 6, L.A. Dodgers 5	
Texas 10, San Diego (ss) 9	
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 4	
Kansas City 9, Milwaukee 7	
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1	
L.A. Angels 5, San Francisco 3	
Arizona 7, Colorado 3	
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 3	
Wednesday's Games	
Toronto 9, Baltimore 3	
St. Louis 9, Detroit 5	
Minnesota 11, Philadelphia 7	
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 5, tie, 10 innings	
Houston 6, Miami 3	
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2	
Chicago Cubs 2, Cleveland 0	
Cincinnati 5, L.A. Angels 4	
Milwaukee 7, Arizona 1	
San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 1	

SPORTS FORECAST	
FRIDAY	
High School Baseball	
Hoptown vs. Sikeston, Mo. (Heath)	
Trigg Co. at Union Co.	
Paducah at UHA	
Madisonville-N.H. at Caldwell Co.	
Fort Campbell at Stewart Co.	
High School Softball	
Dawson Springs at Hopkinsville	
Todd Co. Cent. at Edmonson Co.	
UHA at Bowling Green	
Caldwell Co. at Crittenden Co.	
Christian Co. at Union Co.	
SATURDAY	
High School Baseball	
San	
Diego 13, Chicago White Sox (ss) 2	
Colorado 8, Chicago White Sox (ss) 5	
Tampa Bay 6, Pittsburgh 4	
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Atlanta vs. Washington (ss) at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.	
Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Colorado vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Cleveland (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.	
Washington (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 5:05 p.m.	
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 5:10 p.m.	
Baltimore vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.	
San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.	
Friday's Games	
Boston vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Minnesota (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Detroit vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	
Arizona vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Miami vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 5:05 p.m.	
Houston (ss) vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 5:05 p.m.	
Atlanta (ss) vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.	
San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.	
Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.	

COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Wednesday's College Baseball Scores	
EAST	
Alvernia 11, College of N.J. 2	
Bentley 6, Merrimack 4	
Castleton St. 7-8, Colby-Sawyer 1-4	
Haverford 9, Rutgers-Camden 4	
Dickinson 22, Keuka 10	
Manhattan 8, NY Tech 5	
Rowan 8, Neumann 7	
SOUTH	
Augusta St. 12, SC-Aiken 7	
Bellarmine 8, Campbellsville 7	
Boston College 5, Bryant 3	
Carson-Newman 21, Pfeiffer 9	
Cumberland (Tenn.) 10, Tenn. Wesleyan 8	
Ersine 8, Newberry 7, 10 innings	
Francis Marion 11, Belmont Abbey 7	
Georgia Tech 10, Georgia Southern 5	
Guilford 14, Methodist 10	
Hiwassee 25-13, Lincoln Memorial University 1-4	
Linden Wilson 8, Union, Ky. 6, 12 innings	
Memphis 13, Middle Tennessee 5	
Miami 11, St. Thomas, Fla. 4	
N.C. State 4, East Carolina 3, 11 innings	
NC Wesleyan 8, Hampden-Sydney 0	
North Carolina 7, Coastal Carolina 6, 10 innings	
Piedmont 9, Sewanee 3	
Presbyterian 8, Clemson 4	
St. Augustine's 9-7, Shaw 6-0	
S. Wesleyan 4, Milligan 2	
Tennessee 8, MVSU 4	
Transylvania 4, Centre 2	
Va. Intermont 12-7, Alice Lloyd 8-4	
Virginia 19, Towson 5	
MIDWEST	
Ohio U. 11, Otterbein 5	
SOUTHWEST	
Lindenwood 14, Wayland Baptist 6	
St. Mary's, Texas 9, Tarleton St. 2	
Texas 9, Texas-Pan American 5	
Texas St. 7, Oregon 6	
NHL	
At A Glance	
All Times CDT	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division	
GP W L OT P GF GA	
x-N.Y. Rangers 77 49 21 7 05 213 172	
x-Pittsburgh 76 47 23 6 00 256 200	
x-Philadelphia 76 44 24 8 96 241 213	
New Jersey 77 43 28 6 92 208 201	
N.Y. Islanders 76 32 33 11 75 185 227	
Northeast Division	
GP W L OT P GF GA	

BRIEFS**Attucks Wolfpack goes unbeaten in Murray**

The 13U Attucks Wolfpack basketball team was undefeated at Murray State's AAU basketball tournament held on campus March 23-25.

Team members included R.J. Wilson, Chandler Crist, Steven Cager, J'son Campbell, Jalen Johnson, Tyshawn Anthony, Cinque Hampton, Donterius Parker, Garrett Hopper, C.J. Henagan and Tyrik Wilson. The team was coached by Darrell Johnson.

Tryouts for Ky. All-Star team to begin April 21

Tryouts for the Kentucky All-Star basketball teams have been set for April 21 and April 22. The try-outs will be conducted for the Girls on Saturday, April 21st and Boys on Sunday, April 22nd.

The boys who have been invited to try out for the Kentucky team include Jake Griffin (Muhlenberg County), Donovan Halse (Warren Central), Isaiah Ivey (Scott County), Jay Johnson (Woodford County), Twin Lancaster (Logan County), Jagos Lasic (Morgan County), Derek Lawson (West Carter), Tamron Manning (Scott County), Mekale McKay (Moore), Aaron Murray (Ballard), Anthony Myrks (Bardstown), Cole Nelson (Marshall County), Jaysean Paige (Perry County Central), Dontell Rice (Holmes), Devan Rowan (North Oldham), Jermaine Rutley (North Hardin), Jacob Scott (Webster County), Kyle Sheeran (LaRue County), Bopper Stenzel (George Rogers Clark), Brian Stone (Collins), Jeril Taylor (PRP), Mike Terry (Fairview), D.J. Townsend (Rowan County), Tyler Wesley (Oldham County), Sawyer Williams (Owen County) and Adam Wing (Rowan County).

The 12-member Kentucky All-Star Team will play the Indiana All-Star Team on June 8 at Freedom Hall in Louisville and June 11th at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Reds pitcher Masset placed on 15-day DL

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Reds setup man Nick Masset will start the season on the 15-day disabled list with inflammation in his right shoulder.

Wednesday's news comes five days after Cincinnati announced that closer Ryan Madson would have surgery.

Masset was held out for 12 days after feeling tightness after his March 7 outing in which he was removed after 2-3 of an inning. The right-hander returned March 19 and made his last appearance Thursday.

Masset says "there is no major damage."

Southern Illinois hires Hinson as coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Southern Illinois official says the school has hired former Missouri State coach Barry Hinson to be its new men's basketball coach.

The university official told The Associated Press about the hiring on the condition of anonymity so as not to pre-empt the official announcement scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Hinson was fired by the Bears in 2008 after failing to take Missouri State to the NCAA tournament in nine seasons. He lately has been serving as director of men's basketball operations at Kansas.

PREP

Swails tosses no-hitter

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

J.D. Swails tossed a no-hitter and led visiting Fort Campbell to a 12-0 high school baseball victory over Fulton

City on Wednesday afternoon.

Swails struck out nine in the five-inning contest and helped the Falcons improve to 3-1 on the season.

Fort Campbell had 15 hits and all nine starters had at least one hit.

The Falcons return to action today at South Fulton.

Colonels sweep Webster

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Christian County Lady Colonels' tennis team picked up its first victory of the season Tuesday with an 8-1 win over Webster County in Dixon.

Alexis Paul, Ebony Sivils, Kenya Grant, Ayanna Johnson, Kadessa Snorton and Nannie Cronce picked up singles victories for the Lady Colonels.

Snorton and Amanda Sajdyk and Angel Henderson and Johnson teamed to

win doubles matches.

Meanwhile, the Colonels improved to 2-4 on the season with an 8-0 win over the Trojans.

Damion Wheeler, Daquarious Mahone, Matt Studzman, Dylan Phipps, James Scott and Raheem Miller all won singles matches.

Winning in doubles were Studzman and Phipps, Braiden Powers and Josh Middlebrooks and David Henderson and Michial Johnson.

CCHS: Williams signs with Bethel University

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rim. In Kentucky I'm sure you hear the dribble-drive a lot, but we really are disciplined with it."

Williams was a team leader on the Lady Colonels' soccer team, finishing third in goals (nine) and second in assists (eight) in 2011. She also is a valuable member of the Christian County

track team. She competes in the long jump and triple jump events.

Christian County basketball coach Anthony Hickey said he had to convince Williams not to quit basketball before her freshman year.

"She was about ready to quit as an eighth grader and I made her parents a promise that she could

play at the next level if she works hard — and here we are," Hickey said.

Williams said she plans on studying psychology in college and chose Bethel over Mid Continent and Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn.

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BASEBALL

Suzuki stars in Japan, M's beat A's in MLB opener

BY JIM ARMSTRONG
AP SPORTS WRITER

TOKYO — Ichiro Suzuki looked perfectly at home, putting on the kind of show that made him so popular in Japan.

Too bad most fans across America couldn't follow along.

Suzuki got four hits and plenty of attention as the Seattle Mariners beat the Oakland Athletics 3-1 in 11 innings Wednesday night in the Major League Baseball opener.

A capacity crowd of 44,227 lit up Tokyo Dome with camera flashes every time Suzuki came to bat. He drew a standing ovation when he took his position in right field in the final inning.

"It was very special to open in Japan," said Suzuki, a star for nine seasons in Osaka with the Orix Blue Wave. "I wanted to have fun and give the fans something at this special time and wanted to share a special moment with them."

"The festivities for opening day were awesome, the detail, the time they put into it. I loved every minute of it. I love being in Japan," he said.

A lot of big leaguers arriving early at camp wanted to enjoy it, too, but couldn't.

The game began at 6:09 a.m. EDT and was televised live only to the Seattle and Oakland markets. The MLB Network showed it on tape delay at 9 a.m. — the game already was in extra innings when the nationwide telecast carried the first pitch.

"I got here at 5:15 in the morning and went in to turn on the game and couldn't find it anywhere," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez complained in Kissimmee, Fla., where the Braves hosted the New York Yankees in an exhibition.

"I tried everything, MLB, ESPN, and I still don't know who won. I got here early to check it," he said.

In Tampa, Fla., Yankees manager Joe Girardi kept switching channels and seemed a bit frustrated he couldn't find the game on his clubhouse office TV. Hours later in Peoria, Ariz., San Diego manager Bud Black and some of the Padres tuned in before their spring training game.

Asked whether he watched, Houston Astros closer Brett Myers turned sarcastic.

"Was there a game on?" he said.

Later in the day, the MLB Network changed its programming schedule for Thursday's wrapup of the two-game series between the Mariners and A's. A live telecast was added at 5 a.m. EDT to go with the previously planned replays, network spokeswoman Lorraine Fisher said.

Felix Hernandez combined with two relievers on a six-hitter as MLB opened its season in Tokyo for the fourth time. Dustin Ackley homered and singled in the go-ahead run in the 11th.

The continent switch didn't help the A's, who became the first team to lose eight straight openers since Philadelphia from 1985-92, according to STATS LLC.

MLB and the players' association are using the series to assist rebuilding in Japan following last year's earthquake and tsunami. A group of players and coaches traveled to the disaster zone on Tuesday to conduct a baseball clinic.

The rest of the big league teams start



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle Mariners rightfielder Ichiro Suzuki hits an RBI-single against the Oakland Athletics in the 11th inning of their American League season-opening game Wednesday at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo.

to get going April 4, when the renamed Miami Marlins open their new ballpark against the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals. In the meantime, the A's and Mariners will resume playing spring training games this weekend.

Dropped from leadoff to third in the batting order as he started his 12th big league season, Suzuki singled in the first when he beat shortstop Cliff Pennington's throw after his grounder over the mound was deflected by Oakland starter Brandon McCarthy.

Suzuki singled on a grounder to shortstop in the fourth, singled to center in the sixth and had an RBI single to center in the 11th.

"We're trying to stretch out the lineup and have the guys feed off each other," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. "I think Ichiro hitting in the third spot is the right place. We're going to be a very offensive ballclub this year."

The 38-year-old Suzuki set a big league record with 10 consecutive 200-hit seasons before falling short last year.

"He's a hitting machine," said Oakland manager Bob Melvin, who managed Suzuki with the Mariners in 2003 and 2004. "It doesn't matter where he bats in the lineup. That's what he does — hit."

Ackley homered in the fourth off McCarthy, and Oakland's Kurt Suzuki doubled in a run in the bottom half. The score remained 1-all until the 11th, when Brendan Ryan doubled against Andrew Carignan (0-1), Chone Figgins sacrificed and Ackley singled to center.

"I was able to put a good swing on that one," Ackley said. "Our team is off to a good start, and that's all that matters."

Jerry Blevins relieved, Ackley stole second and Ichiro Suzuki singled for a two-run lead. Brandon League closed it out for the save.

Tom Wilhelmson (1-0) got the win with two hitless innings.

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THURSDAY PRIMETIME MARCH 29, 2012												N - NEW WAVE												M - MEDIACOM		S1 - DISH NETWORK		S2 - DIRECTV	
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2 (2)	WKRN ABC	Nashville's News 2	Nashville's News 2	Nashville's News 2	ABC World News	Nashville's News 2	Wheel of Fortune	Missing "Ice Queen" (N)	Grey's Anatomy "All You Need Is Love"	Private Practice "You Break My Heart"	Nashville's News 2	:35 News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	:05 Extra	:35 Law & Order: C.I. "Players"	:35 Paid Program						2	2						
4	WSMV NBC	Channel 4 News	Channel 4 News	Channel 4 News 5	NBC News	Channel 4 News	Channel 4 News	Community (N)	30 Rock	The Office Up All Night (N)	Awake "Oregon" (N)	Channel 4 News	:35 Tonight Show Matt Kearney, Piers Morgan	:35 LateNight Susan Sarandon, Patrizio	:35 Carson Daly	:05 Today Show						4	4						
5 (5)	WTVF CBS	News 5	Inside Edition	News 5	CBSNews	News Channel 5	Big Bang Theory (N)	Rules of Eng (N)	Person of Interest "Identity Crisis" (N)	The Mentalist "Pink Champagne on Ice" (N)	Awake "Oregon" (N)	News 5	:35 David Letterman Jim Rome (N)	:35 LateL Lisa Kudrow, Weir Al Yankovic	:35 Frasier	:05 The Nate Berkus Show Candy Spelling						5	5						
6 (6)	WPSD NBC	Dr. Phil		Local 6 at 5 p.m.	NBC News	Local 6 at 5 p.m.	Wheel of Fortune	Community (N)	30 Rock	The Office Up All Night (N)	Awake "Oregon" (N)	Local 6 at 10 p.m.	:35 Tonight Show Matt Kearney, Piers Morgan	:35 LateNight Susan Sarandon, Patrizio	:35 Carson Daly	:05 Today Show						-	-						
7	WZTV FOX	Maury	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "1 of 10 Voted Off" (N)	Touch "Safety in Numbers" (N)	FOX News at 9			Fox News "30 Rock "Plan B" (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Always Sunny	Fox News	Paid Program					17	17						
8	WNPT PBS	WordGirl	Wild Kratts	Electric Company	Fetch!	PBS NewsHour	Tennessee Cross	Volunteer Garden	Doc Martin "Blood Is Thicker"	Secrets of the Manor House	BBC World News	Summer Wine	NPT Reports "Mental Health"	Great Performances "The Thomashefskys: Music and Memories of a Life in the Yiddish Theater"								8							
9 (35)	WKMA PBS	Wild Kratts	Electric Company	BBC News America	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour	Antiques Rd. "El Paso (Hour One)" 1/3	Doc Martin "The Wrong Goodbye"	Roots "Cory Booker and John Lewis"	BBC World News	Kentucky Life (N)	Charlie Rose	Charlie Rose	American Masters								-							
13 (30)	WUXP MNT	The People's Court	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Jeopardy!	Family Feud	Without a Trace "Confidence"	Without a Trace "Prodigy"	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	A. Griffith Show	A. Griffith Show	Office "Did I Stutter?"	The Office	Friends	Friends	My Name Is Earl	Earl "The Trial"	30	30									
18 (58)	WNAB CW	America's Funniest Home Videos	Big Bang Theory	Met Your Mother	Big Bang Theory	Met Your Mother	Vampire Diaries "The Murder of One" (N)	The Secret Circle "Sacrifice" (N)	Ray "The Kicker"	30 Rock	Family Guy	Family Guy	Excused	Scrubs	TMZ	Paid Program	Scrubs	That '70s Show	58	58									
20 (50)	WPGD	Praise the Lord			Good	Potter	BeScenes	J.Osteen	J. Prince	BHouston	Praise the Lord		Holyland	Evidence	Bible	Creflo	Praise the Lord	-	-										
21 (13)	WBKO ABC	The Dr. Oz Show	WBKO @ 5	ABC World News	WBKO @ 6	Wheel of Fortune	Missing "Ice Queen" (N)	Grey's Anatomy "All You Need Is Love"	Private Practice "You Break My Heart"	WBKO @ 10	:35 News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	:05 Paid Program	:35 Inside Edition	:05 ABC World News Now			-	-										
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15	WGN	Old Christine	Old Christine	30 Rock	30 Rock "I Do Do"	America's Funniest Home Videos	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	M-Mother "The Duel"	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death "Joy Ride"	"Til Death	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Futurama	239	307								
23	HGTV	Bang Buck	Bang Buck	Bang Buck	Bang Buck	House	HouseH	Selling NY	Selling NY	Selling LA	Selling NY	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Selling LA	Selling NY	HouseH	House	112	229								
24	FOOD	H.Cook	H.Cook	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Sweet Genius (N)	Sweet Genius	Sweet Genius	Chopped	Sweet "Magic Genius"	Sweet Genius	Sweet Genius	Sweet Genius	Sweet Genius	Sweet Genius	110	231								
25	TRAV	Anthony Bourdain	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	215	277								
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27	HALL	The Waltons	L. House	Centennial	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	Little House Prairie	185	312								
28	LIFE	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	108	252								
29	SOAP	Brothers & Sisters	Bros & Sisters	Bakersfield	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	Young & Restless	188	262								
30	OXY	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	3:00 Fever Pitch	127	251								
32	GOLF	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	2:00 PGA Golf	401	218								
34	ESPN	MLB Baseball '07 National League Wild Card	Boxing Classics	The White Shadow	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	143	614								
35	ESPN	Around Horn (N)	Interruption (N)	SportsCenter	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament Site: Madison Square Garden -- New York City, N.Y. (L)	NCAA Basketball Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championship Site: Fogelman Arena (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	140	206								
36	ESPN2	SportsNation	NFL 32 (L)	ATP Tennis Sony Ericsson Open Site: Crandon Park Tennis Center -- Key Biscayne, Fla. (L)	NCAA Gymnastics SEC Tournament Women's Championship	NFL Live (N)	MMA Live (N)	Dunks of the Year	NCAA Basketball Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championship Site: Fogelman Arena											144	209								
37	FSS	Sports Tour	Sports Tour	Ultimate Insider	ACC All-Access	Witness History: ACC (N)	Hockey History in Music City	The Panel	The Panel	Witness to History: 2012 ACC Tournament	UFC Bad Blood: Chuck Liddell vs. Randy Couture	The Game 365	Sports Tour	Sports Tour	WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris						420	646							
39	SPEED	Hot Rod	GearZ	NASCAR Race Hub (N)	Pass	Pass	Dangerous Drives	Wrecked	Wrecked	Trucker	Trucker	NASCAR Race Hub	Dangerous Drives	Wrecked	Wrecked	Trucker	Trucker	Trucker	Trucker	150	607								
40	TNT	Law & Order "Red Ball"	Bones "The Man in the Outhouse"	NBA Tip-Off (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Miami Heat Site: American Airlines Arena -- Miami, Fla. (L)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)	Inside the NBA (L)	Leverage "The 10 L'il Grifters Job"												138	245								
41	FX	2:30 There's Something in the Water	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	136	248								
42	USA	Burn Notice "Friends and Enemies"	NCIS "Bete Noir"	NCIS "The Truth Is Out There"	NCIS "UnSealed"	NCIS "Dead Man Talking"	NCIS "Missing"	In Plain Sight "Four Marshals and a Baby"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	Burn Notice "Friendly Fire"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	Burn Notice "Friendly Fire"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	Burn Notice "Friendly Fire"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	Burn Notice "Friendly Fire"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	Burn Notice "Friendly Fire"	CSI: Crime Scene "A Kiss Before Frying"	105	242								
43	TBS	Friends	Friends	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan	The Office "Sabre"	The Office "Sabre"	Conan	Seinfeld "The Nose Job"	Seinfeld "The Nose Job"	139	247								
44	HMC	3:00 The Wishing ...	Keeping Up With the Randalls	William and Catherine: A Royal Romance	The Love Letter	Jennifer Jason Leigh	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote	William & Catherine: A Royal Romance												187	560							
45	FNC	The Five	Special Report	FOX Report	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	205	360								
46	CNN	3:00 The Situation	John King, USA	OutFront	A. Cooper 360	Piers Morgan	A. Cooper 360	OutFront	Piers Morgan	A. Cooper 360	OutFront	Piers Morgan	A. Cooper 360	OutFront	Piers Morgan	A. Cooper 360	OutFront	Piers Morgan	A. Cooper 360	200	202								
49	MSNBC	Hardball	PoliticsNation	Hardball	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	209	356								
55	BET	Parkers	Parkers	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.	124	329								
56	SYFY	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	3:00 Alexander ("04, Adv) Colin Farrell. Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India.	122	244								
57	SPIKE	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	168	241								
58	COM	Sunny	SouthPk	Daily Sh.	Colbert	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futura	Futura	Futura	Futura	SouthPk	Tosh.0	Daily (N)	Colbert (N)	Tosh.0	Daily Sh.	Colbert	Sunny	Futura	107	249							
59	G4	Cops	Cops	Cops	X-Play	Attack of the Show!	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	Bomb Pat "Donkeys"	191	-								
60	BRAVO	Tabatha	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset	Housewives Atlanta	Atlanta	"Fresh Princes"	Atlanta	Watch (N)	Tabatha Takes Over	Shahs of Sunset	Million Dollar List	Watch					129	237							
61	TCM	3:45 *** The King's Thief	:15 *** The Man Who Laughs (1966, Drama) Linda Sini, Ilaria Occhini, Jean Sorel.	*** Scott of the Antarctic (1948, Action) Derek Bond, Harold Warrender, John Mills.	*** Ice Station Zebra A sub commander on a perilous mission must ferret out a Soviet agent on his ship.	*** WarGames A young man hacks into a military computer in which reality is confused with game-playing.	*** Swordfish (2001, Thriller) Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, John Travolta.	*** Mad Max: Be...													132	256							
62	AMC	CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"	CSI: Miami "Bait"	*** Swordfish (2001, Thriller) Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, John Travolta.	*** Mad Max: Be...															130	254							
63	FAM	3:00 Serendipity	*** Miss Congeniality ('00, Com) Sandra Bullock.	*** Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Richard Gere.	The 700 Club	Fresh P.	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	180	311								
64	TVLAND	Bonanza	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	Home I.	Home I.	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	106	304								
65	DISN	Shake U.	Shake U.	Shake U.	GoodLk	Austin	Shake U.	A.N.T.	Lemonade Mouth	Bridgit Mendler.	GoodLk	Austin	Shake U.	Wizards	Wizards	GoodLk	GoodLk	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	172	290								
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67	NICK	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	170	300								
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TODAY - APRIL 7

Adsmore 1907 Spring and Easter – 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, Adsmore House and Gardens, 304 N. Jefferson St., Princeton. Katharine Garratt's sixth birthday will be featured through April 7. Although Katharine doesn't know it, she is receiving a special gift this year. This will make up for her aunts, Kate and Delina, being unable to attend because they are on a grand tour. Join us for this special event and learn what Katharine so desires for her birthday and how children celebrated at the turn of the 20th century. See the dinning table set for the family's Easter dinner and the lovely linens and clothing on display. Usher in Spring with a visit to Adsmore. For more information, call 270-365-3114 or email adsmore@vci.net.

TODAY

Opry Mills' Grand Re-Opening – 9:30 a.m., Opry Mills, 433 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, Tenn. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark this milestone occasion with Nashville and state officials, local business and community leaders and a team from The Mills and Simon Property Group. Throughout the weekend, shoppers will enjoy entertainment, special retailer promotions, incredible incentives and hourly giveaways including thousands of dollars in Simon American Express gift cards. It will also feature a series of fashion, lifestyle, musical and family-friendly events running through early May.

FRIDAY

Sixth annual Tasters Luncheon – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Christian County Extension Office, 2850 Pembroke Road. Tickets are \$7 before the luncheon and \$8 at the door. The food for this luncheon will be furnished by members of the Christian County Homemaker Club.

"Walk Down Memory Lane" – 3 p.m., HCC Auditorium, 720 North Drive. Freeman Chapel CME & HCC Minority Student Union presents Ole' Skool Apollo Crew in concert. Donations are \$5. Tickets can be purchased by calling 270-885-6554.

HCC Music and Concert Film Series – 7-9 p.m., Auditorium Lecture Hall, Hopkinsville Community College. "AC/DC Live at Donnington."

High School Artists Paint-Off and Reception – 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Guild Art Gallery, Bradford Square Mall, 400 Fort Campbell Blvd. Gifted area high school art students will be competing for the "People's Choice Award" in a timed painting competition. Come for food, music and to watch artists at work.

SATURDAY

Jellybean Jog: Run for the Arts – 9 a.m., Founders Square at Ninth and Main streets. A 5K Fun Run/Walk/Cycle through historic Hopkinsville to benefit the Pennyroyal Arts Council. Donations encouraged to benefit the Pennyroyal Arts Council, a nonprofit organization established to promote the appreciation of the Arts through education, support, service and presentation. This is a community-wide event open to people of all fitness levels, children and pets on leashes. For additional information, email Jill Atkins at jilllatkins44@gmail.com.

A Laffs Gumbo Comedy Club Production – 7:30 p.m., Hopkinsville Eagles Club, 2600 Fort Campbell Blvd. Starring Steve Poggi and the Fryman. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Ticket price include two drink coupons good for the night of the show. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Eagles Club. For more information, call 270-885-9218.

Zumba "Master Class" – 2 - 4 p.m., Christian County Middle School, Amy Fortin, the Hopkinsville Division of Parks and Recreation, and Christian County Public Schools will host with internationally renowned Zumba Master and celebrity Nathan Blake. Registration begins at 1 p.m. Advance registration is \$20 per person with tickets available at www.showclix.com/event/zumbawithnathanblake. Tickets at the door will be \$25. There will be a meet-and-greet social from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Harper House. For more information, call Amy Fortin at 270-498-0150 or email Amyzumbaky@yahoo.com.

5K Race from TCHS D.E.C.A. – Trigg County High School, 202 Main Street, Cadiz. Join in this fund raising event for the Trigg County High School DECA. Walking and running are permitted. For more information, call 937-251-9658.

Farmers Market Opens for Season – 7 a.m. – noon, Farmers Market, 61 Main St., Cadiz. Every Saturday and Wednesday till October. Support our local products. Downtown on Main Street at the Farmers Market, across the street from the Janice Mason Art Museum. For more information, call 270-5222-8756 ext. 32 or email lunderhill@cityofcadiz.com.



Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt – 1-2 p.m., West Cadiz Park, Cadiz. Can't believe the big bunny has been out to it again. It's time for the Great Lions Club Egg Hunt. For more information, call 270-924-9975 or email e.pontius@mcshs.com.

SUNDAY

TCHS Golf Scramble – Boots Randolph Golf Course, Blue Springs Road, Cadiz. The grass is green so it's golf time again. Join in this fun tournament fundraiser for Trigg County High School. For more information, call 270-522-2200 ext. 4031 or email cadizky@bellsouth.net.

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser – 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., The Christian County Senior Citizens Center, 1402 West 7th St. A Turkey and Dressing Dinner with all the fixin's. The cost is \$10 for each adult and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

APRIL 7

WHOP'er Egg Hunt – 11 a.m. – noon, Tie-Breaker Park. The annual community-wide WHOP'er Easter Egg Hunt will be for kids ages 8 and under. Registration ends at 10:45 a.m. Each child will need an egg hunting license ... no problem ... Children will be hunting in five age groups from toddlers to 8-years-old, plus special need individuals. There'll be candy, toys, and prizes including a \$98.70 Grand Prize to one lucky hunter.

Crofton Easter Egg Hunt – 1 p.m., Gordon Park, Crofton. The event is free to the public.

APRIL 8

Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt – 2:30-3:30 p.m., Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Windows on the Water restaurant will offer its annual Easter Buffet from noon – 8 p.m. That afternoon Lake Barkley will shower the fields with eggs in the Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt. It will start at 3 p.m. at the Lake Barkley Fitness Center — don't be late. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at 2:30 p.m. so don't forget your camera. From toddlers to teens, bring your baskets and gather some goodies. For more information, call 800-325-1708 or email Mary.Schmidt@ky.gov.

Easter at Lake Barkley – noon – 8 p.m., Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Lake Barkley State Resort Park will be having Easter activities for the entire family. Carved Beef on the Line, Catfish, Salad and Soup Bar, Assortment of side items, Dessert selections to blow you away. Children ages 6-12 -\$8.49, Adults – \$18.49. Meet the Easter Bunny at 2:30 p.m. He will be over at the Fitness Center so bring a camera, he moves pretty fast. This is free so come out and enjoy.

Easter Sunday Buffet Luncheon – 11 a.m. – to 4 p.m., Holiday Inn. Prices for buffet feast are \$15.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 7 to 12 and children 6 and under eat free. For reservations for groups of six or more, call 270-886-4413.

Easter Eggcitement – noon – 8 p.m., Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park. Easter Buffet in Dining Room from noon – 8 p.m., Easter Bunny Pictures \$2 per picture at the Lodge from 1:30 p.m. free Easter Egg Hunt at 2:30 p.m. at Lodge. Events will go on rain or shine.

APRIL 9-28

23rd Annual Quilt Show – The Pennyroyal Area Museum. The museum invites quilt owners and quilt makers who would like to participate in our annual show to temporarily loan quilts to the museum. The participants may bring quilts in during the first week of April for the month long show. Quilts should be picked up during the first week of May. Quilts may be old or new. A Quilting Bee is planned from 10:30 – 2 p.m. April 14. Come watch and learn and chat with the quilters from the local quilting club: Knot Just Quilters. The museum is located at 217 East Ninth Street, downtown Hopkinsville. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information call 270-887-4270.

APRIL 10

The Harlem Wizards vs. The Rockin' Rebels – 6 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m.

start, Todd Central Gymnasium, Elkton. At a Wizards game fans see amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. The athleticism, tricks and fancy teamwork and ball-handling wizardry, plus winks and nods not even seen in NBA games engulges and ewws the most avid hoops fans. The comedy is for everybody. The Wizards look to push the envelope on fun, combining pre-planned comedic acts with spontaneous humor that fans of all ages will find laugh out-loud funny. The halftime show with hundreds of kids on the court, plus the post game interaction is the cherry on top as the Wizards stay until every autograph is signed. Todd County teachers, school administrators and local community leaders make up the Rockin' Rebels. This event is a fundraising event in which a percentage of the ticket and souvenir sales go back to North Todd Elementary and Todd County Middle School PTO's to help support both schools. Tickets purchased in advance of the game are \$5. Tickets purchased at the door the night of the game will be \$8. Tickets can be purchased at North Todd Elementary, Weathers Drugs or the Todd County Board of Education. Refreshments, concessions and souvenirs will be sold at the game.



APRIL 13 – MAY 5



Spring Awakening – 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday – Saturday, Roxy Regional Theatre, 100 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tenn. Winner of 8 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Spring Awakening celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with a power, poignancy and passion that the audience will never forget. Adapted from Frank Wedekind's 1891 expressionist play about the trials, tears and exhilaration of the teen years, it has been hailed as the "Best Musical of the Year" by the New York Times, New York Post, Star Ledger, Journal News, New York Observer, and USA Today. This production contains language and subject matter not appropriate for all audiences. For more information, call 931.645.7699 or visit http://roxyregionaltheatre.org.

APRIL 14

Hopkinsville-Christian County Jaycees Spring Community Yard Sale – 6 a.m. – noon, Western Kentucky State Fairgrounds, Richard Street. The yard sale will benefit various Community Service projects. For more information, call 270-839-3603.

Cadiz Cruz-In – 5-9 p.m., 61 Main Street, Cadiz. Join the Kick-Off, season for the Monthly Cadiz Cruz-Ins. This will be the first of many great events for the Cruz-Ins. Free dash plaques for the first 30 entries, there will be 50's music downtown, a 50/50 cash drawing and ten drawings for \$10 each. Bring your friends and help spread the word. No loud music, no alcohol, no burnouts, no pets, no bicycles and no skateboards. Activities may be cancelled in case of rain. For more information, call 270-206-0398.

APRIL 14 – MAY 5



Schoolhouse Rock Live! – 2 p.m., April 14

and 28, May 5, Roxy Regional Theatre, 100 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tenn. This award-winning musical teaches history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs, instructing a whole new generation to "Do the Circulation," "Unpack Your Adjectives" and meet up at "Conjunction Junction." For more information, call 931-645-7699 or visit http://roxyregionaltheatre.org.

APRIL 16-20



Rotary Radio Auction – 7 – 11 p.m., Cadiz Baptist Church Annex, 82 Main St., Cadiz. Fun for everyone. Join us to support the Cadiz Rotary Club and also shop for many bargain's during this live on air auction. We encourage you to come down in person to actually see the items first hand. The "Crowe Store" is just a blast to visit and browse through. Food will be prepared on site each night with proceeds helping out Civic Groups and Organizations. Kick Off Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. Monday at the Lake Barkley State Resort Park Convention Center with Tickets on sale from any Rotarian. Limited seating so get your seats early. All monies raised goes to providing for the needs of the Senior Citizens and Youth of Cadiz and Trigg County. Scholarships, Grants, and projects are funded each year due to the generosity of our participants, friends, and neighbors. For more information, call 270-522-3236 or email tsworkman@yahoo.com.

APRIL 18

The Empty Bowls Project: Auction – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Cadiz United Methodist Church, 482 Lakota Drive, Cadiz. We invite you to join us in a wonderful project to provide funds for Helping Hands of Cadiz, KY. Helping Hands has been providing for the most basic needs of the poor in this community for many years and is in need of our financial and moral support. The Empty Bowls Project Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger that began in Michigan in 1991. The basic idea for Empty Bowls is simple. Guests come for a luncheon meal of soup and bread and offer a suggested donation of five dollars for the meal. Members of the community agree to donate five dollars to decorate a ceramic bowl that will be displayed and sold in a silent auction at the luncheon. All profits from the luncheon and the sale of decorated bowls will benefit our own Helping Hands organization. Bowls to be auctioned for the event will be decorated at the Janice Mason Art Museum on March 30-31. We hope you will join us in this important fundraiser for Helping Hands and for the benefit of our own community. To decorate a bowl for this worthy cause, email cadizbowls@yahoo.com.

APRIL 19-23

Modeling auditions – Place Paddock Pl. Belle Meade, Nashville, Tenn. Free auditions for male and female children, pre-teens, teens and adults to showcase their talents at MAAI at Deauville Beach, Miami, Fla. The MAAI Organization is the only nonprofit association of its kind. Competitions are for professional models 5'7" and over, petite models 5'5" and under, and plus sizes. Models and actors will have the opportunity to meet NYC casting director and international modeling scouts. Mandatory competitions are runway modeling, TV commercial and fashion photography. Optional competitions are soap star, swim suit, monologue and singing. Models under 21 must bring a parent or guardian for the audition. Call Susan Carpenter for an audition spot at 615-352-9606, email bellemeadetower@comcast.net or visit www.maaio.org.

APRIL 20

Piano Piano ... A Musical Surprise Party – 7:15 p.m., Alhambra Theatre. Kentucky and Hopkinsville's own pianist, composer and producer Ron Creager brings an enchanting performance to the stage of the Alhambra. Be enticed by the mystery of the many possible musical surprises to be experienced — beloved music, guest artists and Creager's creativity. The entire family will be delighted as he shares his talents that have entertained audiences in New York, Beverly Hills, Hong Kong, Moscow, Shanghai, Sydney, and London. For more information, visit www.roncreager.com.

APRIL 20-21

Youth March – 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, Hopkinsville High School, 430 Koff-

man Drive. There will be a free barbecue and cookout Friday followed by a Gospel Explosion. On Saturday, there will be sessions on topics ranging from synthetic drugs, school violence and bullying. There will be special seminars coming from Campbells University, Hopkinsville College of the Bible and Simmons University. At 3 p.m., there will be a youth march for Christ. Registration is \$50 per church. To register, call Candida Phelps at 270-886-3723 or email candida.a.phelps@gmail.com. To be in the Gospel Explosion, call Lana Lowejoy at 270-317-4982 or 270-352-5177.

APRIL 20-22

Spring Photography Weekend – 2 p.m. Friday – noon Sunday, Pennyryle State Park, Dawson Springs. Not only a good contest, but also information that will help participants become better photographers. Photographs may be taken anywhere within the state park and state forest. Participants must bring their own camera. Registration is \$35. Register at least one week prior to event to get a \$5 discount. Children 16 and under pay just \$10. Lodging discount available. For more information, call 270-797-3421.



Warbler Weekend – 5 p.m. Friday – 11 a.m. Sunday, Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Lake Barkley and Land Between the Lakes have again teamed up to offer a weekend dedicated to the early spring migrants including Warblers. Local guides will lead bird viewing tours and offer identification tips. Registration will include van tours for 2 Birding Hot-Spots of LBL's Live Birds of Prey Program, breakfast with the birds, Bluebird Walk and Talk and an Early Bird Hike. Space is limited. For registration and more information, call 800-325-1708 or email mary.schmidt@ky.gov.

APRIL 21

An evening with Lucy Bakewell Audubon – 7 p.m., Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Portrayed by Chautauqua performer Kelly O'Connell Brengelman, this program was funded in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Little River Audubon Society. It is free for the public to attend.

Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train – 8:30 a.m. boarding, 9 a.m. departure, TC Ry Museum Station, 220 Willow St., Nashville, Tenn. Don't miss any bargains, take TCRM's excursion train to Wattertown's 24th annual spring mile-long yard sale. Enjoy the middle Tennessee spring season while riding in restored classic traditional American streamlined stainless steel passenger cars built in the 1950s and pulled by passenger diesel locomotives. Tickets are \$32 for regular seats, \$21 for children under 12, \$42 for first class seats and \$75 for dome seats. For more information, call 615-244-9001.

APRIL 21-22

Brushy Fork Creek Spring Festival – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Brushy Fork Creek, 1550 Pleasant Green Hill Road. There will be several guest artists that will be there to show their art. There will be flower bouquets in stained glass, glass jewelry and ornaments, weaving and knitting supplies, functional and ornamental blacksmithing, spinning and Chinese brush painting demonstrations and custom blacksmithing. The Bravards will be there on Saturday for a wine tasting and sales. Plan to stay awhile and visit with the artists and horses and shop. For more information, call 270-424-5988.

APRIL 26

Red Hatter's Afternoon – Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Lake Barkley State Resort Park is again celebrating the Kentucky Derby with an afternoon at the races just for Red Hatters. Come dressed in your finest Red Hatter's Derby outfits and get ready to pick a winner while having a great time. At this pre-derby celebration Red Hatter's will enjoy lunch, tea and an afternoon at the races. Reservations are required. For more information, call Mary Schmidt at 800-325-1708 or by email at mary.schmidt@ky.gov.

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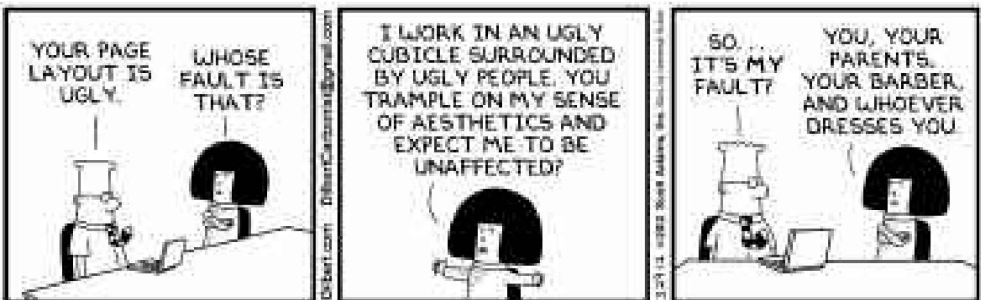
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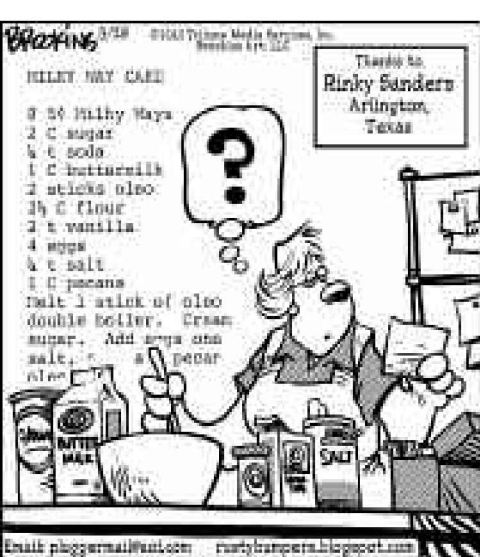
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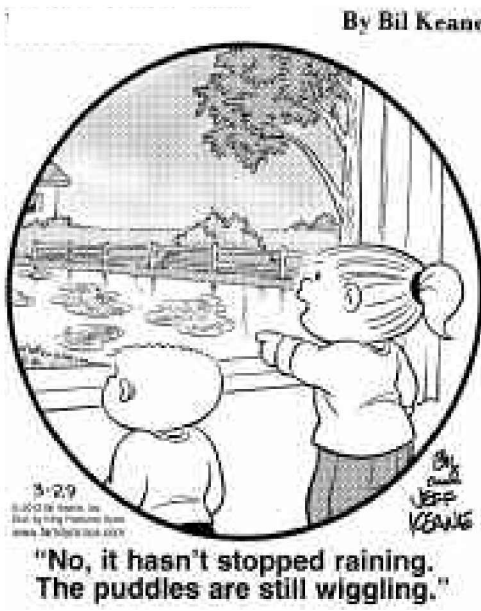
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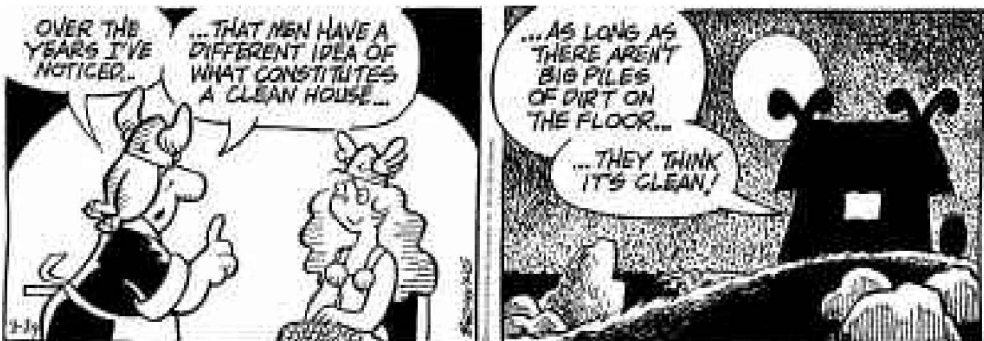
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Dear Tom and Ray:

I've been a fan for years. I had a great 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, which I always had serviced at a local muffler/repair shop. Last year, I gave the car to my daughter in Michigan. When she took it to her own mechanic for a tuneup, he discovered that all eight fuel-injector clips had broken off and the fuel injectors were held in position by plastic zip ties! My repair-shop owner is telling me that there is a problem with these clips, that they tend to break off, and that it is standard to use zip ties to hold them in place. He never mentioned this during the nine years he serviced my car. My daughter's mechanic says my guy is "blowing smoke," and he has never seen anything like this before. Who do I believe? I am very leery about returning to my old guy now with my newer 2005 Mercury. What do you fellows think? Would you go back to him? -- Dorothy

TOM: No. He's endangering your life, Dorothy. And he's trying to cover up his bad judgment with a song and dance.

RAY: We used to try that, but very quickly, we ran through the entire 20th Century Songbook, and our feet were killing us.

TOM: Those clips do break sometimes. We've seen it happen when you remove the fuel injectors to make a repair. But if you break one, or two, or eight, you buy new ones. They're sold separately by dealers, and they're cheap. Very cheap.

RAY: So the only reason to use zip ties would be laziness. They're not an acceptable substitute.

TOM: They're plastic, so they're not designed to take the high

underhood temperatures in the middle of the engine compartment, which can be several hundred degrees. And over time, the zip ties will get brittle and fail. If one breaks, a fuel injector can come flying out, spraying gasoline at high pressure all over the engine.

RAY: And that leads to what? Fire. So, to summarize: bad idea!

TOM: We use zip ties all the time to group bunches of wires together, or hold a wire out of the way if it's at the periphery of the engine compartment -- and if the zip tie's failure would not result in anything dangerous happening. But we'd never use one to hold an injector in place.

RAY: To say that it's "standard to use zip ties" to secure fuel injectors is nuts. It's standard to use zip ties to close kitchen garbage bags, Dorothy. And if your guy doesn't know that, it's time for a new mechanic.



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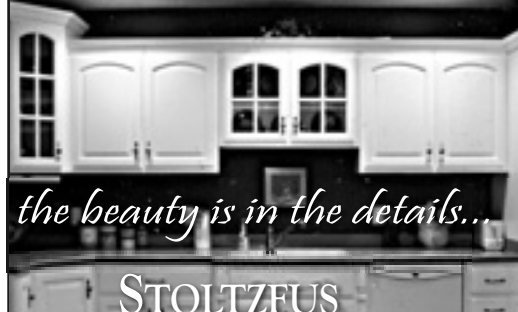
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